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NEW SHOW SET

Show talent for the 1978 summer season at the Circus World Museum, at Baraboo, Wis., was announced this past week after museum officials had concluded contract negotiations. The circus performances are presented several times each day as part of the Museum's circus features.

Returning for another year will be Ethel Luckey, at the Hammond organ, Bill Metzger, announcer and Jimmy (Happy, the Clown) Williams.

New acts signed for the 1978 season are: Harry Thomas and his caged tiger act; Rex Williams with elephants (5), and a mixed group of animals, plus Miguel and Margereta Ayala, low wire, web, hair hang and a high wire act across the river.



Strange Cargo

An attempt to move what was believed to be an abandoned car from a Fresno (Calif) garage last week by police disclosed the car contained some strange occupants. The vehicle, according to authorities, had been parked in the same location for over two weeks, and

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Booker, a long-time circus buff and proprietor of the intimate production which is reminiscent of circuses of another age, officiated at the rites, explaining the history of each event. The blessing was offered by Monsignor Richard Powers, of Our Lady of Mercy Church. The "Tent Commandments" traditionally read to the canvas crew to acquaint them with the responsibilities of raising and lowering the tent daily, were read by G. Lawrence Atkinson, vice president, general manager and canvas boss of the family-owned business.

There was also entertainment including a slack wire walker, and a snake charmer, introduced by Booker in his role as ringmaster. It was Fooker who designed the all new red and white tent, built by Leaf Tent & Sail, Inc., of Sarasota, Fla.

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DANNY ACOSTA, Ringling-Barnum high wire performer, says the Santa Ana, Calif., newspaper (July 22) suffered a broken collar bone (3 places), a broken elbow, several broken ribs and a ruptured spleen as a result of his fall last month. He has received more than 50 pints of blood and additional donors have been asked to offer blood for his needs.



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Aug. 10 Bellaire, Mich.
11 Mancelona
13 Lake City

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Aug. 8-13 Lawrenceburg, Mo.

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to Sept. 5 Lake George, N.Y.

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to Sept. Atlantic City, N.J.

Happytime Circus
Aug. 9-11 Paso Robles, Calif.

Hoxie Bros. Circus
Aug. 8 Sea Girt, N. J.

9 Lyons
10 Dunellen
11 Port Reading
12 Lindenwood
13 Cape May
14-15 Villas

Hoxie's Great American Circus
Aug. 8 Urichville, Ohio

9 Carrollton
10 Sugar Creek
11 Orrville
12 Lodi
13 Bellevue

Hubler Int'l Circus
Aug. 12 La Porte, Ind.

Emmett Kelly, Jr., Circus
Aug. 11 Cohasset, Mass.

King Bros.-Cole Circus
Aug. 8 Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

9 Southbury, Conn.
10 Ravena, N. Y.
11 Glens Falls
12 Whitehall
13 Colonie
14 Sylvan Beach

Martin & Downs Circus
Aug. 8 Burin, Nfld.
9 St. Lawrence
10 Grand Banks
13 Glovertown
14 Hare Bay

Ringling-Barnum - Blue Unit
Aug. 9-10 Tulsa, Okla.
12-14 Des Moines, Iowa

Ringling-Barnum - Red Unit
to Aug. 15 Anaheim, Calif.

Royal Danish Circus
Aug. 8-13 Charlotteville, P.E.I.

Sells & Gray Circus
Aug. 8 Grandville, Mich.

9 Holland
10 South Haven, Ind.
11 Michigan City
12 Lafayette
13 Park Ridge, Ill.
14 Tinley Park

John Strong's Circus
Aug. 8 Abilene, Kans.

9 Hayes
10 Colby
11-12 Colorado Springs, Colo.
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THE LANDES COSTUME Company, in Indianapolis, operated by JOE LANDES and his sisters Mary Lou and Diane, burned to the ground July 3rd. It was a total loss. JIMMY DOUGLASS, on the scene right after the fire, says it's lucky he has many of their original patterns and designs, plans to loan them machines to start up again.

FLASH !!! ROYAL HANNEFORD has picked up Roanoke for 1978, a date long held by Polack..... SAM T. POLACK has added Charleston, W.Va., to his fall line-up..... IAN M. GARDEN is sending his circus by train to Labador City this fall..... It is easy to understand CARSON & BARNES returning to the East after a calamitous tour in the area last season when it is learned the show picked up a long string of Shrine dates including Cumberland (Md) formerly played by Hamid-Morton..... It's been whispered that one well-known indoor show struck financial shoals this season, had problems paying off

DONNI STAMBAUGH was hospitalized for a stomach disorder in early July, underwent surgery, caused him to cancel a date for Zacchini and be unable to continue his advance publicity chores for Hoxie's Great American. He is well on the road to recovery now and should be trouping again soon.

It's been said (true or not) that SID KELLNER is in the Cleveland area promoting dates normally played by his George-Matthews Circus for Carson & Barnes. C&B will play Covington (Ky) in late September for GEORGE HUBLER, said date being promoted by CHUCK CLANCEY and TOMMY BENTLEY.

At long last I caught up to BIG JOHN STRONG (Akron). The new big top, blue and red, is a beauty and Big John is a super-showman! We rehased those early days with the JAMES M. COLE tent circus when I was a punk and John played in the band. John suffered a mild stroke in May which fortunately did not affect his speech, but left him with a slight limp. He is A-Okay now!

SNAPSHOTS: TREVOR BALE reports the new show at Circus World involves much more circus..... JOE SHERMAN, looking fit, visiting in Cincinnati, ditto FRIEDA CONLEY (Schmidt) with BECKY SCHMIDT (Freddie's wife) in tow. Becky, once a Lucille Ball-type redhead, is now a close-cropped brunette. I didn't recognize her..... Glamour-puss ETHEL JENNIER has taken delivery on new greyhounds and is busy breaking them between shows. Sez it sure has (cry) cut down on her social life!...

KAY PITTENGER has been out of the show, going to hospitals for "tests" - her sister is on the show with her..... STRUPPI is healing from her recent tiger attack. TOMMY visited Beatty-Cole in Albany... The DAVIDE ZOPPE family will play the Hubler Grandstand Show at LaPorte (Ind) Aug. 12..... WES and FLORINE OLER report many additions to their already lengthy fair route..... WALLY JONES (Wally & Cheryl) has been booking Ohio spots for Royal Hanneford..... ODILE ESTIE, sister of MARIE FRANCE (now on Sells & Gray) hopes to make the U.S. her permanent home.

SAD NEWS: Champion wild animal trainer ALFRED COURT died at the age of 94 in Nice, France, DOROTHY STOREY informed me Alfred had hoped to live until he finished his Memoirs, portions of which have already been edited. Alfred Court was the uncle of S&G Mgr. WILSON STOREY.

ON THE SCENE WITH SELLS & GRAY: BOB OWENS, earlier with Famous Hunt, did not go to Hoxie G-A as reported, but is clowning with two others on S&G..... ANGELO and INGE BISBINI and KARL LINARES, enroute to the Wallenda Circus stopped to visit. Angelo showed off the beautiful semi-trailer he designed which carries his mules and he says he could make a living building them, he's had so many offers..... EVY KAROLY is working a long-reins dressage horse, purchased from BRADD FRANK.... The horse that had its shoulder chewed out last season is now as good as new..... MARIE FRANCE is working 8 miniature Yorkies this year and it's a cute act.... She also had the bone whittled down on her nose and her new profile is terrific!..... BIANCA ESTRADE is 3 months pregnant..... MIMI ZERBINI and GARY THOMAS are a happy, handsome two-some..... SAMPION's mother, once a contortionist, has been visiting from France.... Leaving the lot I bumped into Hoxie agent RON BACON who was passing through... When asked if he had caught the show, the 490 lb. General Agent threw up his hands and cried: "No way! One step and I'd have been stuck!" Understandable since Sells & Gray was bogged in mud! His wife, WILLENE, was in Ironton phoning for Hoxie's Big Top, where Garden's Holiday Hippodrome and Nordmark's All Star had already phoned and played, when the man she was talking to yelled: "Lady, don't them circuses have any other town to go to but Ironton, Ohio!"

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Biz --- So So

Business during the first half of the season for the Big John Strong & Son Circus has been generally good, says Big John. However, he adds, "we've had a few bad days too." The show's long tour will come to a close in late October and is to be followed by some indoor magic show promotions and the usual four unit Christmas show operation.

John reports that he suffered a stroke early in the year and he has been improving rapidly. "I'm feeling good again and want my friends to know that everything is going a long fine now."

Throughout June and July the show had rain and mud every day. At one spot winds of 80 m.p.h. swept through the area and the new top was undamaged. "We really want to thank Leaf Tent & Sail for their excellent construction of this top."

Although there are many important dates in the coming week, the entire show is looking forward to the Sept. 1-3 engagement in Portland, where the circus will be set up on the roof of Lloyd's Center Mall. Special equipment will be required to erect the top and other essential features on the roof.

John McGuire, Sandy Strong and Bill Burger are working advance ahead of the show. In addition to newspaper, radio and TV ads they also see that each town is fully covered with lithos and window cards.

"Oh", Big John added, "we have to say that with the help of Bill Schrieber, office manager and former IRS employee, show expenses were cut way down so I could get all of my outstanding bills, including that big IRS tax thing out of the way."

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HAZEL HICKEY MOORE (75), widow of — Percy Moore, saddle bronc rider and bulldogger, passed away on July 24th at the home of her daughter in Oklahoma City, Ok. She was a superb horsewoman, working with high jumpers and dressage horses. During her years in show business she traveled with the Howes Great London, Walter L. Main, John Robinson, Hagenbeck-Wallace, Yankee Robinson, Sells Floto, Ringling-Barnum, Joe Greer and Jim Eskew Wild West and the Tim Mc Coy Wild West.

Burial was in Oak Hill Cemetery at Kirkwood, Mo. on July 26th. She is survived by three daughters - Maudie, Lydia and Percna Moore, 2 grand-daughters, Christine Webb and Linda Moore, 3 great-grand-children, Tracy Joe, Brian and Christy Webb.



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Robert Meluzzi, former acrobatic-comedian who performed with his brothers as the Three Romanos, is taking a troupe to Lima, Peru, to perform for the Festival there. Mr. Meluzzi was recently in Sarasota preparing acts for the dates and it is reported he brought salaries for the performers with him.

The two hour arena show will feature talent supplied by Gunnar Amandis, including Lipko's Chimps, Alexander's dogs, the Rito Brothers, an aerial ballet with Miss Katia, the Weinholdts and the Flying Andersons a new flying act with Olympia Zacchini.

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Show Report

Melvin and Jimmy Silverlake, along with Josephine and Brownie Silverlake, who have operated their own shows for years, have recently joined with Gopher Davenport in the operation of his three circus units - all named "American Big Top Circus."

Melvin and Brownie stopped to visit with Bobby and Rosa Gibbs at Baraboo (Texas Valley neighbors) on their way to pick up the elephant "Baby Boo" purchased from Dick Lunsford, of Royson Bros. Circus. This gives Davenport a total of five elephants for his circus units - Jewel, Tommy, Jenny, Susie and Boo. They have also purchased an elephant from Commerford & Shea and will take delivery on it in September, thus giving them two elephants for each show.

Many well-known circus people are with the American Big Top Circus, including: Bert and Marie Pettus, Sandy and Jack Fulbright, the entire Silverlake family, Bobby Greene and many others.

Since the Silverlakes have arrived on the show a whole new approach is obvious. New canvas has been added, as well as new model trucks, the performance has been improved, a new price schedule was set-up and concessions are handled in a different manner.

The shows are playing to good business in the states of Montana, Wyoming, North and South Dakota. Many dates are being sponsored by the Shrine clubs in those states. After a long tour, which started in January, the shows will go in to quarters at Donna, Texas.

Brownie and Josephine Silverlake, who have been married for 49 years and have seven children, have been on two different units of the American Big Top Circus. Just the other day Josephine told Brownie on the phone that rumors were spreading they had broken up. His reply, "Well, I knew it wouldn't last."

..... Bobby Gibbs

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Foley & Burk Shows
Aug. 11-14 Plymouth, Calif.
11-21 San Jose

Magic Time USA - Prof. Miller
Aug. 8 Berkeley, Mich.
9 Perkins, Ohio
13 Sharonville

Puppeteers Convention
Aug. 14-17 San Luis Obispo, Ca.

Royal Lipizzan Stallion Show
Aug. 8 Victoria, B. C.
10 Kamloops
11 Vernon
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PEOPLE

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BYRON BURFORD has been playing drums with the Franzen Bros. Circus.

BUFF BRADY, cowboy and motion picture star and stunt man for the Bob Yerkes Circus, is doing rope spinning and sings in the chorus of the musical "Annie Get Your Gun" at the Los Angeles Music Center Pavilion.

GUNTHER GEBEL-WILLIAMS was clawed on the right arm by a tiger during a performance of the RBBB Red Unit in Los Angeles on July 23rd.

FRANK and BERNICE DEAN visited with GAYLORD MAYNARD when the Royal Lipizzan Stallion Show was at Lancaster (Calif).

GLEN RANDALL, well-known trainer formerly with Circus Vargas, just finished training an eight horse liberty act for the Petersons. The act will be featured in the Monte Montana, Jr.'s Buffalo Bills Wild West at Phoenix (Ariz) July 15-Aug. 15.

BILLY BARTON (Continued)

IT'S TRUE: That JAN and LARRY JOYNER are coming out with an all new lion act late this season. The act is said to be one that will please both patrons and producers and will be available for show dates for the winter of 1977 and for the 1978 tour.....HELENE HARTZELL has just received her first driver's license, so watch out Susan and Doris!

GEORGE HUBLER, famous for garbled announcements, pulled the Coup-de Grace in Cincinnati, during the final show when he announced me as the "Ancient Aztec Warrior." George says it was accidental, others hint that TOMMY BENTLEY paid him off. Either way. . . "Truth IS Truth."

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STEVE BAKER (Checkers) and GARY RAY (Patches) produced the clowning for the Denver (Colo) Shrine Circus (June 11-15). They recently visited the Circus World Museum and will be part of GIL GREY's "Dr. Pepper Circus in Dallas in October.

RAY HARTZELL will rejoin the Kelly Bros. Circus after he completes the Voorheis Bros. Circus tour, where he is the show organist.

JOHN HARTZELL, Jr., has graduated from an air conditioning school in Las Vegas and is now taking care of the refrigeration work at the New York Meat Co. in Las Vegas.

THE FLYING VIENNAS will be working at the State Fair in Minneapolis late this month (Aug. 25-Sept. 5).

ARTHUR PROVENCHER, of Merrimack, N.

H., has acquired the elephant "Jackie" from King Bros. Circus. His menagerie already includes llamas, miniature donkeys, miniature horses, assorted birds, a horse, a pony and a mini-mule.

BILL BIRCHFIELD, magician, is now the sound and light man in charge of stage productions at the Nugget Casino near Reno.

WALLY WALLENTIN, canvas boss on the Big John Strong & Son Circus, consistently has the top in the air by 10 a.m. each morning despite some rather long overnight jumps.

BETTY WENDANY plans to lease Big John Strong's elephant "Neena" as a feature for her various winter show productions.

STANLEY SCHWENKE, of the Bumpy Family, writes from Western Canada that gas prices are high. In Alberta regular (Imperial gallon) sells between .75 and .80, but in Manitoba the price range is from .80, in Winnipeg it jumps to \$1.12, while in the northern part of the Province it sells for .96 to .98. Prices on No-Lead and Premium are higher.

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Miscellaneous

The Showfolks of Sarasota held their annual 4th of July Party and Show with refreshments and a band. The show featured Karl Linares' dogs, a knockabout act from the Sailor Circus, the Waltens, an acrobatic turn by Mia Arnosi, Danny Chapman, comedy and his daughter's trapeze act. Grace Ivanov provided the music for the acts.

Royal Hanneford Circus will resume its Fall Tour around Sept. 16th at Muncie (Ind) to be followed by two days at Elkhart.

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GILBERT FOX, son of La Norma, is selling his hand-crafted ceramic animals including elephants and lions. Interested parties can write to him at: 3440 - 51st St., Sarasota.

BURT and MARIE PETTUS and SANDY FULBRIGHT visited the Castle Show and the PINSONS at Glendive, Montana.

PRINCE NAJVEZ visited Sells & Gray, Big John Strong, Hoxie's Great American and Hoxie's Big Top Circus all in the same week.

DONNA (Wilson) and BILL BANNISTER will take their cradle act to the Burton (Oh) Fair for GEORGE HUBLER. They were booked by GUNNAR AMANDIS. Following the Sept. 3 fair date they will play Rochester (NY) for Hubler on Sept. 10th.

GILBERT MILLER and GEORGE HUBLER visited Sells & Gray and Int'l All Star Circus recently.

CHUCK CLANCEY, promoting the Johnstown (Pa) date had to swim for his life during the recent disastrous flood in that city. Rumor has it the date has been cancelled.

STRANGE CARGO (Continued)

contained boxes of snakes, most of them of the poisonous variety.

Zoo officials called in to remove the snakes said they were worth about \$3,000. The snakes included a Russel's viper, one of the world's most deadly snakes, plus rattlesnakes, spitting cobras, moccasins, puff adders, boas and gopher snakes. Other creatures included a variety of lizards and a tarantula.

A few days after the discovery it was disclosed that a local citizen, Wilford Wong, claimed ownership of the snakes. He said he was holding them as collateral against money owed him by a San Francisco man. He put the reptiles in the car when his wife complained because he was keeping them in the house.

Wong has asked for the return of the snakes, but authorities say they may press charges of violation of a state law that requires permits for possession of such reptiles.

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Miscellaneous

"May" a San Francisco (Calif.) zoo elephant celebrated her 50th birthday on Aug. 1st. All those coming to the zoo with a carrot for May were admitted free that day.

The Better Homes & Gardens magazine for August 1977 has a special article about the zoos in this country.

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