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Promotion Called "Racket"

Beware of telephone solicitations, says Toronto's Better Business Bureau in a warning to Canadian citizens. As summer approaches the con men will be back in town, the BBB says, to solicit millions of dollars from unsuspecting businessmen and the public.

According to a report in the Toronto Sunday Sun (April 17) the biggest racketeers of phone promotion is the "circus racket." The BBB charges they sell circus tickets which are not numbered and as a result no one knows just how many are sold. They might sell as many as 20,000 tickets for a building that will only seat 1,000 people, they added.

Dave Mitchell, director of investigation and enforcement for the ministry of consumer and commercial relations said the ministry is going to be keeping a careful watch on all such promotions this year.

"A service club or an association will be approached by a circus promoter and will sign a contract to bring a circus into town," says Edna Morrell, supervisor of investigations at

the Metro Toronto BBB. "And once they have signed the contract with the service club or association they immediately begin a boiler room operation. That is, they set up a battery of telephones and hire professional telephone solicitors."

"These people use high pressure sales pitch,"

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HARRY RAWLS was scheduled to take his new tent show on the road early this month. The show was put together at Hugo, Okla.

ELVIN BALE was featured in a full page newspaper article in the Chicago Sun-Times on Apr. 23rd, which included a photo of Elvin on his aerial motorcycle.

CASEY GIBBS flew into Houston to visit with his brother **BOBBY** for a day. **ROSE ANN** and **JACK BATY** and **KATHY THEILITY** have joined **BOB** and **ROSA GIBBS** for the summer.

TRACY BYRD, grand-daughter of **D. R. MILLER** celebrated her 5th birthday with the circus at Lawton, Okla. A party was held in the cookhouse between shows with 150 people attending the event.

DUTCH CRAWFORD, elephant trainer, visited Circus Vargas last week at several Southern California spots.

TED BOWMAN, former manager of the Carson & Barnes Circus arrived in San Francisco on

ATTENTION

A main bearing on our press broke just as we were starting this week's run. As a result the paper is being printed by a local Quick Press plant.

In order to have this issue in the mail on schedule and because of the plant's one color only policy it is impossible to offer color work at this time.

We deeply regret the delay and problems involved, but have hopes that things can get back to normal next week.

..... Don Marcks

April 20th after completing an around-the-world cruise.

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ROUTES

Candyland Circus

May 14 Blaine, Wash.

Carson & Barnes Circus

May 8 Colby, Kans.

9 Hays

10 Phillipsburg

11 Cozad, Nebr.

12 Broken Bow

13 Grand Island

14 Holdrege

Hubert Castle Circus

May 9-12 Regina, Sask.

Circus Vargas

May 9-11 Orange, Calif.

12-15 San Diego

Famous Hunt Circus

May 9 Point Pleasant, N. J.

10 Forked River

11 Indian Mills

12 Pittman

13 Alloway

14 Cherry Hill

Franzen Bros. Circus

May 9 Louisville, Ill.

10 Sumner

11 St. Elmo

Great Y Circus

May 13-15 Redlands, Calif.

Hagan-Wallace-Sells & Gray

May 9 Mullens, W. Va.

10 Beckley

11 Covington, Va.

12 Buchanan

13 Lynchburg

14 Charlottesville

15 Harrisonburg

Hamid-Morton Circus

May 12-15 Springfield, Mass.

Hoxie Bros. Circus

May 9 Springfield, Ohio

10 Centerville, Ind.

11 New Castle

12 Shelbyville

13 Brazil

14 Robinson, Ill.

15 Chanute AFB

Hoxie's Great American Circus

May 11 Farmville, N. C.

12 Tarboro

13 Edenton

14 Yorktown, Va.

Int'l All Star Circus

May 10 Lawrence, Mass.

11 Manchester, N. H.

12 Rochester

13 Hudson

14 Fitchburg, Mass.

15 Northampton

Int'l 3-Ring Circus

Apr. 28-May 8 Tokyo, Japan

May 12-22 Fukuoka

King Bros. Circus

May 9 Rockville, Md.

10 Springfield, Va.

11 Aberdeen, Md.

12 Lancaster, Pa.

13 West Chester

14 Norristown

15 Glassboro, N. J.

Polack Bros. Circus

May 13-15 San Francisco, Cal.

Sam T. Polack Circus

May 4-8 Toledo, Ohio

Ringling-Barnum - Blue Unit

May 10-15 Hartford, Conn.

Ringling-Barnum - Red Unit

to June 5 New York, N. Y.

John Strong Circus

May 9 Arvin, Calif.

10 Lancaster

11-12 Oceanside

13-14 Escondido

15-16 Newport

..... OTHER ROUTES

James H. Drew Exposition Shows

May 9-14 So. Charleston, W. Va.

Lee Grabel & Co. (Magic)

May 14-15 Bellingham, Wash.

Ken Griffin (Magic)

May 10 Cooksville, Ohio

13 Flushing

14 Barnesville

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BILLY BARTON

ETHEL JENNIER reports that Beatty-Cole's inaugural shopping center date at Columbus (Ga) drew big crowds, heavy interest, and, while one or two dates do not become a barometer, optimism is running high. The main reason for ETHEL's call, however, was to give her blessing to my becoming the manager of her daughter, Jo-Ann's sensational trapeze act (as of Oct. 1977), and to release her famed title AERIALETTA to us. Thus, JO ANN JENNIER will be known as AERIALETTA II starting this fall.

FIRST MAJOR CIRCUS casualty of the season was the elegant new STARDUST CIRCUS, produced by KLAUS BLASZAK, which opened under canvas at a shopping center at Oxnard (Calif) and folded a few weeks later. We're sorry to hear this for all reports from on-the-scene observers indicated the show was first-rate and had really great potential.

Retired bandleader HENRY KYES (The PAUL WHITEMAN of the White Tops) is enjoying a healthy retirement in sunny Florida and says his famous "paunch" no longer exists. When he goes into a cafeteria he admits he wears a "blindfold"! Though Henry's food in-take has been whittled down, he has not given up cigars.

SNAPSHOTS: While FAMOUS HUNT seems to be capturing its share of ex-Ringling alumni, CIRCUS ODYSSEY has become the meeting grounds for all ex-Vargas folks. Appearing with Odyssey recently are the following Circus Vargas folk: VASHEK & CATHY, PAT ANTHONY, HARRY & ROWENA THOMAS, MANUEL RUFFIN and BOBBY GIBBS....The exciting and multi-talented BEN WILLIAMS will be with RBBB next year....HARRY THOMAS is returning to the California Park where he appeared last season....NOTICE: Deadline for EMIL & DEBBIE GOETSCHI's great new magazine, the Great American Circus Directory, has been pushed up in an attempt to expedite distribution. The young GOETSCHI's are now in California visiting Debbie's folks....SANDY DOBRITCH has added more dates to his 77 route.

News Bits: CIRCUS ODYSSEY will play many more new cities in Puerto Rico next year. Following the "big city" runs, the show will be pared for smaller buildings....Some of the talent appearing at BOB SNOWDEN's New Hampshire circus date in April included: Cimse's Russian Wolfhounds and Poms, The Dubsky Family, Rex and Ava Williams, Marco Polo, Van Donwen's seals, the Robertson Family, Prof. Miller & Co., Les Weldons, plus Al Youngman, musi-

cal director and Wilma Rench at the organ.

ODDS 'N ENDS: Hand-balancer LES PETERS flew in the last minute for the Circus Odyssey Rhode Island Police Circus, arriving minutes before the first show on Apr. 18th...VASHEK & CATHY's "sky ride" between two tall buildings in the middle of Providence (R.I.) at high noon on April 16th drew UPI cameramen from Boston....Ice-skater juggler BOB WELZ was the Ringmaster/vocalist on the Odyssey New England tour. He will be with the "continental unit" of ICE CAPADES starting in Sept....When THE SPARTONS (Johnny & Betty Zoppe) left the On-stage Theatre Circus to fill commitments for EDDIE ZACCHINI, newcomer BRIDGET BALLENTINE (Chandler trapeze) replaced them. The SPARTONS will be at Kennywood Park for three weeks along with KASSLE's BEARS. Following the park date, JIMMY HALL and YOLANDA return to Ontario's Marineland for the 3rd straight year.

CARMEN HALL's animal acts appear at Rocky Point Park in New England the day after she closes with HAMID-MORTON (June 26)....IRVIN HALL is with his sister....TERRY BURKE, who portrays a wonderful comic lion "SEBASTIAN" is a hot attention-getter in advance of FAMOUS HUNT. The Hunts have TWO advance trucks out. RON DE HOFF, as Barney, the Clown, mans the second. The Hunts are definitely framing a Mall Circus to follow their tent show tour.

THE BUMPY FAMILY stopped in Terre Haute to visit sister SUSAN SHERYLL enroute to Circus Odyssey....That Sparton fifth wheel pulled by the HALL Family looks like a silver railroad pullman! It dubbed it the Chattanooga Choo Choo....College pranksters stole PAT ANTHONY's Florida license plate. Pat sez they usually steal the Lincoln Continental....JAVANNA's Jungle Jubilee (Jeanine and Mel Hall) is a nicely framed baboon act. One simian rides a 6 ft. unicycle and the act has fine audience appeal.

CINDY SMITH MIGLEY is back to her old post - spinning candy floss. Ed and Cyndy are going to Europe in May where Ed is scouting a 4 pole square European big top to be used for dates in the USA next season....Beautiful JO ANN JENNIER is COMPLETELY re-vamping her trap act AND her seal act for the fall of '77. She has cut her hair, is "glamourising herself and will be seen as a high-strutting, fur wrapped, Siren when she debuts as AERIALETTA this fall.

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Shrine Date

The Tangier Temple Shrine Circus at Omaha, Nebr., was produced by Paul V. Kaye and presented at the Omaha Civic Auditorium on Apr. 20-24. Serving as ringmaster/announcer was John E. Day, while Clown Alley was headed by Joe Sherman, with Al Ross, Koko Klown Duo, Jack Healy, Dukey Anderson, Claude Schmidt and Josh Logan.

The program featured: Circus 'Rock' Overture, directed by William 'Boom Boom' Browning; Circus Fantasy on Parade, spec; Alison, Carol, Robin, Janet, Pauline and Lou Ann Jacobs in an aerial ballet; Baron Julius Von Uhl, lions and tigers; The McKay Duo, aerial cradle; Clowns; The Olmedas, cycles; Cook's Comedy Car; Andre-Andre & Co.; The Wainwrights; The Zavattas; Clowns; Aerial Ballet featuring Miss Olinka; Koko's Pets; Baby Dolly, elephant; Gordon Smith's Pals; Clowns; Andrews Duo; The Torinos; the Wayne Trio; Herman and Petunia, comedy riding number.

In the second half were: The Four Flying Artons, flying act; Clowns; the Kelly elephants; Kaye's elephants; Roman Schmitt's elephant

Miscellaneous

Members of the Robert Dover CFA Tent, of Harrisburg, Pa., attended several performances of the Hamid-Morton Circus, playing for the Zembo Shrine Temple on April 18-23. The circus was presented in the Farm Show Arena at Harrisburg.

Gem & Mineral magazine for May 1977 has a set of three articles that might interest circus fans and folks. The feature story is about a model circus made from fossils by Vone Luthe. The other articles are about a Clown Bola and Clowns made from gems.

Circus Vargas played to full houses for each of its performances during its April 21-24 engagement at Downey, Calif.

Visitors seen at Polack Bros. Circus in Oakland (Calif.) were: Tom Upton, Pat Arieta, Harry Ellis and Don Marcks.

and rhino; Tino Wallenda, high wire; The Zoppe Arabian Riders; The Murillos, aerial motorcycle; Salute to the Stars and Stripes, entire personnel; Finale.

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Those who have been following the Shrine Circus for years have had nothing but praise for the Tommy Hanneford produced Syrian Temple Shrine Circus at Cincinnati. Their comments are almost always the same "how much better the shows have been for the past couple of years."

The circus drew good crowds and was presented in the Cincinnati Gardens (April 19-24) with ticket prices ranging from \$2.50 to \$5.00.

The show's staff includes: Tommy Hanneford, executive producer; Glenn Parkins, executive director; Charles Scharlbaum, musical director; Jerry Maas and Keith Killinger, musical arrangements; Senor Rai and Philip Morris, ringmasters. The specs were designed by Philip Morris, aerial numbers are directed by Struppi Hanneford and Wally Jones is producing clown.

The program featured: Princess Tajana, tigers and a lion; The Lancelots, high wire; Sir Victor Julian, dogs; The Riding Hannefords; Gay-

lord Maynard and his horses; The Flying Espanoles and The Flying Aztecas; Aerial Ballet with Nancy Giordano; Kim Norman and her birds; The Dymeks, pole vaulting; The Hanneford Circus elephants; the Hoxie elephants; the Anderson horses; the Urias Troupe, motorcycle globe, and of course the clowns.

..... Don Sandman

PEOPLE

BRADD and SHEILA FRANK sold one of their dancing horses to EVY KAROLY, who is with Sells & Gray Circus. The Franks have kept two of their dancing horses and an "Airs Above the Ground" horse doing Lavade, Capriol and Hing leg walk. The Franks also sold their five acre place in Sarasota and are buying property near DeLand.

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SAWDUST TRAIL

Harry & Jackie Jenkins, former circus performers now make their home in Dallas. Both are members of the Ed Millette Tent, with Jackie aiding in the training of clowns for their annual Benefit Circus, while Harry supervises equipment and rigging. Harry is recovering from a back injury. My thanks to Jackie for the Emmett Kelly cloth patch.

Strong & Luvas Circus is back at quarters for a brief period between dates. It is reported that Gary Strong is making some mall dates and Pete Luvas may change the show's title back to its original name - The Dixiana Circus. This fine show is a photographers dream.

Tex Dreyfus, of Houston, spent his vacation with C&B working with the elephants. He reports that the bull Virginia (used for the lion riding act) died early this year. Gas and motel bills are really high now, Tex states.

Cliff Day, former circus owner and traveler says he saw Circus Vargas in Texas and Bea K. Silverlake, former owner of Fisher Bros. was with him. Later as they headed for Omaha they came upon a Carson & Barnes Circus truck, followed it and spent two days visiting that show.

"Clown Chatter" a Chicago publication devoted to clowns, is getting better all the time. An interesting item in the last issue was an AB report on the number of circuses out now as compared to several years ago. My only comment is that my copy of the Nov.-Dec 76 issue arrived in April 1977.

Hunt's Circus has an all female Clown Alley, headed by Mary Wise, who formerly was with

the G-M Circus. This reporter had the pleasure of clowning with some excellent female clowns including Peggy Williams, of the Ringling Red Unit - one of the top clowns.

Among the folks seen on the lot at Strong & Luvas Circus recently was Kittie Koehler, whose father used to own the show. She got the red carpet treatment and was so excited it cost Dad a long distance phone bill.

Rick Dennis, escape artist on C&B, does a fine act. He escapes from a straight jacket while suspended upside down, with his feet bound and the rope set afire.

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The program featured: Overture; Circus Spec; The Lodi Duo; Guy Gossing's tigers; The Albanis; Martin, juggler; Edwardos; Great De Mille, wire; Jorge's Unpredictable Car; Clown Long Shirt gag; The Storybook Animals; Aerial Ballet with the Lady in the Moon; Mister Rythm; Wheel of Destiny; Intermission.

The second half included: The Reynoso Bros.; The Clown Wedding; Martin Lamberti, balancing; The Swaying Stars; The Hortobagyis; Clown boxing number; King's elephants; The Lemonene Trio, aerial motorcycle; Hugo Zac-

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SHOW FOLKS

The Tigris Shrine Circus at Syracuse, N. Y., (Apr. 15-17) was produced by George Hubler with attendance at an all-time high. The Sunday matinee drew an overflow crowd of some 6600 people.

The program featured: Princess Tajana, lion and tigers; The Pharoahs, high cradle; Struppi with elephant and tiger; Sanger's Riding Academy; The Dymeks, pole vaulting; Miss Nancy on the aerial lyra; Sir Victor Julian and his Little Stars; Original Hanneford Family with Tommy Hanneford, riding act; Kim Norman and her doves; The Basketball Playing Dogs; Feller Boys and Dodo, tightwire; Clowns; The Quassars, aerial rocket ship; The Flying Espanos, flying act.

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THE PERFORMANCE

The following musical program of the Clyde Beatty-Cole Bros. Circus was compiled by Dr. Paul E. Fitzpatrick at Albany, Ga., on April 16, 1977.

Overture -
Purple Carnival

Opening Fanfare -
Pose Fanfare
John Powers Fanfare

Cat Act - Dave Hoover
Hoover's Fanfare
William Tell Overture
Burma Patrol
Cyrus the Great
Salute to the Sultan
Big Cage Galop
Hoover's Fanfare No. 2

Clown Chase and Walkaround
Speed
Miss Trombone

Low Wire - Sword Balancing
Eldorado Pasadoble
El Toreador Pasadoble

Aerial Perch Act -
Warsaw Concerto
I've Got You Under My Skin
What A Difference A Day Makes
From This Moment On

Spinning Plates - Juggling Acts
Scherzade Jazz
Love The One Your With

Chevrolet Truck - Clown Gag
Baseball, Hot Dogs, Apple Pie
and Chevrolet

Chimps - Prof. Kurt Schiman
Peaceful Henry
Take Your Girl to the Movies
Kiddyland
Tagging Them Down
Not So Bad for A Country Girl
Tailgate Ramble

Aerial Ballet - Ron & Mitzi
Mars Excerpts from The Planets
Fly Me To The Moon
R & M Fanfare

Iron Jaw -
Para Los Rumberos
Steam Heat
Action News Theme
Oya Negra
Overture to A New Era
Finale -
Fly Me To The Moon

Perch Pole and Spinning Tops -
Seronada
Love Is A Many Splendored Thing
Somewhere
Winter Sports Galop

Mitzi's Slide For Life
If My Friends Could See Me Now
Fortuity

Ethel Joyce - trained dogs
Respect
On A Wonderful Day Like Today
After You've Gone
It's Today
Bourbon Street Parade
Honkey Tonk Woman
Alabama Bound
Lover

Trapeze and Swinging Ladder
Rhapsody In Blue
Evergreen
Gentle On My Mind
Make Your Own Music

Clowns - Levitation Gag
Caravan

Teeterboard - Francescos Troupe
Jose Lito Bien Veniva
Viva Irun

Rola Bola and Adagio
Killing Me Softly
Brasilia

Clown Walkaround
Bull Trombone

Elephants - Freddie Logan
The Ringmaster March
Roses of Memory
A Night in June
Battle of the Winds
Merry-go-round Broke Down
March of Slide Trombones
Radio Waves March
Chinese Jumbo
Rolling Thunder
Royal Decree
Long Mount -
Fanfare
Trouping Days

Motorcycle - The Royalls -
Them Basses
Trombone Section March
Glory of the Trumpets
Fanfare No. 2

Flying Trapeze - Gaona Troupe
Medieval Tournament Fanfare
Valencia
Enchanted Nights Waltz
Con Celerita Galop
For Swingers Only Fanfare

Exit -
Stars & Stripes Forever

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Bill Chocianowski - drums
Hors Geyer - tuba
Bill Tuerin - trumpet
Gene Nichols - baritone
Jim Cunningham - trombone
Dick Chave - trombone

Talent Named

Polack Bros. Circus program at Los Angeles (Apr. 21-24) featured:

Aida Smieja, lions and tigers; Clowns; Unsupported ladders; Clowns; Miss Dale on trapeze plus four web girls; Ed Drake, mixed group of animals; Clowns; Mr. Milton, head balance; The Funny Volkswagon and clowns; Murillo & Ullises, balancing.

The second half features: The Flying Russells; Clowns; Hand and foot juggling; Ernestine and her ponies; The Randells, trampoline; Ben DeWayne and the Polack Bros. Circus elephants; The Zumedios, high wire.

..... Jim Swafford



Show Report

The Fisher Bros. Circus, owned and operated by John Frazier, opened its 1977 tour in central Florida in February and is slated to tour along the Atlantic Seaboard this year.

The show has a new big top (blue and yellow) which is an 80 ft. round end with one 30 ft. middle section. The top was built by the Leaf Tent & Awning Co. of Sarasota.

The side show is a square end top (80x60) and uses a canvas bannerline. Inside are three elephants, caged animals, lead stock and two platform acts. Also on the midway is the concession/ticket office, novelty stand and a grease joint.

The show moves on four semis - elephants/lead stock, poles/seats/stakes, caged animals/side show and cookhouse/office/concessions, plus a straightbed truck with a spool for the big top canvas. About eight privately owned vehicles make up the rest of the fleet.

The circus performance features: Overture;

Miscellaneous

Both Carson & Barnes Circus and the Kelly Bros. Circus missed most of the heavy rains and flooding that recently occurred in the Texas area.

Peanut Pitch; Yvonne Stephens, single pony; Ken Benson, juggling; Victor Flores and the Frazier Kids, trampoline; Leanne Stephens, single trapeze; Ken Benson, performing bears; Toni Frazier, swinging ladder; Linda Flores and Yvonne Stephens, performing dogs; Toni Frazier, web; Ken Benson, single elephant and Victor Flores, cloud swing.

The show staff includes: John Frazier, owner/manager; Hazel Frazier, office; Side Show, Ken Benson, with two men; Concessions, Larry Sheffield; Grease Joint, Jimmy Kernan; Boss Canvasman, Bob Stephens, with six men; Announcer/calliope, Bobby Green; Cookhouse, Francis Loder; Properties, Victor Flores, with one man; Mechanic, Dave Clayton; Elephants, Harold Cloud and Sailmaker, Tony Padilla.

..... Jim Davis

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Aerialist Hurt

The aerial ballet number of the Shrine Circus at Cincinnati turned to tragedy when its feature performer, Nancy Giordano, fell 28 feet to the arena floor. Miss Giordano was performing a solo routine in the big production number when she slipped from a knee-hang position and fell face down on the floor;

A witness said the girl "just fell" without a cry. It happened so quickly and quietly that most of the spectators were not aware of the accident.

Officials at General Hospital lister her condition as serious and said she had suffered multiple fractures of the jaw, elbow, wrist and a leg. A later report indicated the circus star was improving.

Circus ringmaster Senor Rai told newsmen he ran to try to help her, but it was too late. Show producer Tommy Hanneford said he hadn't seen an accident like this in years. "Nancy is adored by everyone," he said.

Seats Fall

A section of seats of the Veterans sponsored DeWayne Bros. Circus collapsed during an afternoon performance at Saanich (Canada) on April 16th, according to a report in that city's "Daily Colonist" newspaper. The show was playing a two day engagement, where its new big top was set up on the St. Joseph School grounds;

Several people were reportedly pinned in the seats as they collapsed. However, only six persons were hospitalized and all were released. There were no serious injuries and none of the other seats were affected.

One witness said the accident occurred at 2:30 p.m. during a trampoline act. The whole section just suddenly gave away, he said.

YEARS AGO...

The Gentry Bros. Circus of 1929 played Great Barrington, Mass., on June 28th, arriving on a train of 14 cars. Set up on the fair grounds the circus played to two good crowds before moving on to New Milford, Conn.

Show Acts

The program for the Great Y Circus home performances, at Redlands, Calif. (May 13-15 and 20-21) will feature:

Grand Spec; Double Wide Casting; Hand Balancing; Single Trapeze; Circus Acrobatics; the Jugglers; Double Ladders; Artistic Bicycling; Multiple and Tripe Trapeze; The Clown Wedding; Double Trapeze; Trampoline and Double Mini-trampoline.

The second half includes: Teeterboard; Clown Alley; Aerial Cradle; Stunt Fighting; Balance Perch; Tightwire; Web number; Unicycle; The Rola Bola; German Gym Wheel and the Flying Trapeze;

ROUTES

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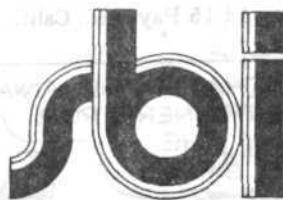
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Miscellaneous

Ringling-Barnum's Red Unit received a good review in a recent issue of Variety, which covered the show's performance at Madison Square Garden. Almost every act was mentioned by the magazine's writer.

ROUTES

Beatty-Cole Bros. Circus
May 9-11 Lynchburg, Va.
12-15 Virginia Beach

Greek Festival
May 14-15 Oakland, Calif.

Rodeo
May 14-15 Hayward, Calif.

Show Note

Gangs of local youths caused a variety of problems for the Hagan Wallace-Sells & Gray Circus at Montgomery, Ala. (Apr. 20) where the show was set up on a ball field parking lot, next to an all black school.

The trouble erupted during the night show with rock throwing, stealing and minor damage to the show. Some witnesses said the police left as soon as the trouble started, thus leaving the circus to fend for itself.

Normally the show makes it jumps to the next town early in the morning, but this time the move to Opelika for an April 21st stand was made right after the show was down and loaded.

In Memoriam

JIM DANDY (Jens Monefeldt) unicycle-balancing act, collapsed and died of a heart attack at the end of his act while performing with De Wayne Bros. Circus at Parksville, B.C. on Apr. 21st. He is survived by his wife, of Concord, Calif.

He was born in Norway where his parents were circus performers. He spent his entire life in show business, appearing with circuses and variety shows throughout the world. He first came to the states with an act known as LeBrac and Bernice - The Golden Wheel, working at Las Vegas, plus other variety review shows and with most of the circuses in this country.

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she said. "They make the businessman feel guilty. They know he won't use the tickets so they ask him if they can use the tickets to send an underprivileged child to the circus."

Morrell warns citizens not to handle any solicitation over the phone. "Tell the person to put it in writing, then check with the Better Business Bureau. If the solicitation isn't legitimate you'll find out very quickly."

Organist Danny Daniels and his Four piece Circus Band played the Emmett Kelly, Jr., Circus at South Bend, Ind., where the show played to capacity crowds for all three shows. Also on April 24th music for the St. Louis (Mo) Circus was provided by organist Danny Daniels and the fine drummer, Giles Austing. Show announcer was Kent Clayton.

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PEOPLE

ERIK ADAMS and his Comedy Chimps are on tour with the Garden Bros. Circus this season.

CY MURRY, the circus cook, is recovering from a heart attack and enjoying the sunshine while visiting friends in Florida.

IAN KRANITZ, electronic keyboard instrumentalist, and RICK JONES, drummer, have joined the Big John Strong Circus for the summer season.

PAUL HORSMAN writes that RBBB's Blue Unit will play the new Civic Center Building at Portland, Maine, on May 17-22.

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Show Report

The Al Menah Shrine Circus at Nashville (Apr. 21-24) was produced by Eddie Zacchini and offered five shows for the public. The show's musical director was Red McEwen, while Bill Boren served as the ringmaster.

The program featured: Overture; Mario & Betty, Johnny Laddie & Co., and LaMafalda, ladders; Gilda's leopards; Clowns; Raquela, cloud swing; Susan Sheryll's Royal Afghans; Bobby's German Sheperds; Cooke's comedy car; Clowns; Plunketts, Cristiani and Atos Troupe, trampoline; Gibb's elephants; Sonja Zoppe, aerialist.

After intermission were: The Kronus, aerial rocket; Gibb's Storybook Animals; The Zamperlas and Navarros, unicycles; Chris James, tightwire; Clowns; Johnny Zoppe's Rhesus Monkey Revue; Bobby's mules; Rosa's Liberty ponies; The Gutis Family, comedy; The Geraldos, novelty feature; Napoleone's Roman Riders, riding act; The Spartans, aerial number.

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In Memoriam

BEVERLY JEAN PEDERSEN (44), of Lutsen, Minn., died late last month of leukemia. She was formerly the wife and partner of David T. Hackett, of Minneapolis. They presented the Hackett's Chimps at fairs, parks, shopping centers, etc. in the 50's and 60's. A former member of the CFA her last professional appearance was at the Texas Shrine dates. Chimba, one of the Hackett chimps is still working, now owned by Marie and Andrew Kirby. Mrs. Pedersen worked in the office of a well-known Lutsen resort before retiring to marry Curtis Pedersen. Survivors include her husband, Curtis; a son, Matthew; mother, Florence Hammergren.

BILLY BARTON (Continued)

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Biz OK

A change in advance operations has paid off for the Big John Strong Circus, which has been playing to capacity crowds since its opening early this year. The show is relying heavily on newspaper, radio and TV advertising, rather than its past phone promotions.

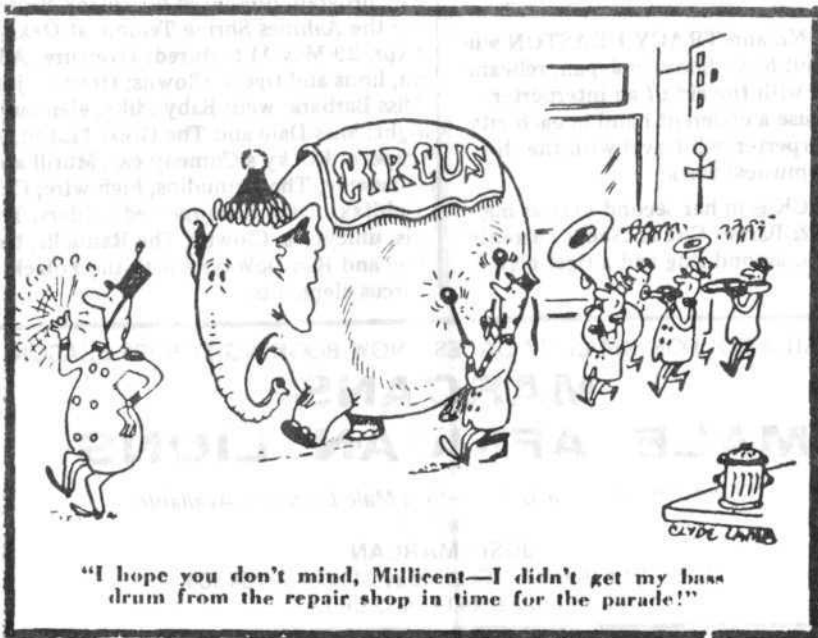
The circus has now moved back into Southern California, after a quick run in the north/central area of the state. By the end of next week they will be heading east via Arizona, New Mexico and Texas.

YEARS AGO . . .

Barnett Bros. Circus went through Pittsfield, Mass., on July 26th, 1929, enroute to a date in Dalton.

The show had a big top, side show, small side show, dressing top and a cookhouse.

A major portion of this season's tour will be played in the mid-western states, rather than along the Atlantic coast or in Canada. Both Bill Birchfield and Bill Burger are booking dates for the circus, which will fit into an already scheduled route that was booked earlier.



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PEOPLE

PHIL McDONALD, NORBU and BLINKO arrived at the Tokyo Airport in costume, all set for their tour of Japan with the PAUL KAYE show. The event offered plenty of publicity for the show's opening engagement.

ENOCH BRAFFORD, long-time canvas boss, is touring with the King Bros. Cole Circus this season.

HARRY LEA KINGSTON and TEX DREYFUS visited the Carson & Barnes Circus when the show played in the Beaumont and Houston areas.

JACK CERVONE and TRACY HEASTON who are with the Paul Kaye Show in Japan, rehearse the show band with the aid of an interpreter. The show will use a different band in each city and so the interpreter will travel with the show to assist in the musical work.

GLADYS BLACK is in her second year as manager of Carson & Barnes Circus. She is currently sporting a new diamond ring and a tiger claw necklace.

Miscellaneous

The Beatty-Cole Circus played to starw houses for each of its performances at its Columbus and Albany (Georgia) engagements.

Europorama opens soon on the West Coast and will operate on its regular route which will take the show into the midwest area.

Beatty-Cole's canvas boss fell through the big top while walking on the canvas and reportedly suffered a fractured back and pelvis.

Shrine Date

The program presented by Polack Bros. Circus for the Aahmes Shrine Temple at Oakland, Cal. (Apr. 29-May 1) featured: Overture; Ada Smeiya, lions and tigers; Clowns; Orestos, juggling; Miss Barbara, web; Baby Mike, elephant; Clown fight; Miss Dale and The Great Milton, single trapeze; Rocky's Comedy car; Murill and Ulises balancing; The Zamudios, high wire; Clowns; Dubitzky Duo, unsupported ladders; The Bruski, unicycles; Clowns; The Randells, trampoline and Ben DeWayne with the Polack Bros. Circus elephants.

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