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Number 28

N.J. to Limit Funds

A new law that would limit the amount of money professional fund-raisers could charge for their services in operating charity campaigns has been proposed for New Jersey by State Senator Walter Sheil. He says that many times the professionals take as much as 75 cents of every \$1.00 that comes in.

Under New Jersey law a fund-raiser can only charge 15%, but there is a quirk in the law. If the agency is selling tickets to a dance, dinner, sporting event or the like, the agency can take whatever percentage is agreed upon between the agency and the charity.

Sheil said there should be safeguards against this type of thing. "I think if a citizen buys a ticket to a charitable affair it should clearly be stated on the ticket what percentage goes to the charity and what percentage goes to the fund-raiser. I think it is a scandal that some fund-raisers take as much as 75% of the total raised."

The legislative action is being taken at the urging of Jersey City Mayor Thomas F. X. Smith, who has asked Sheil to correct abuses of charity solicitations.

The subject came to a head when the

an eastern concern promoted a boxing show for the Jersey City Police Boys Club. The Police Boys Club is in no way connected with the Jersey City Boys Club, Inc., which was deluged with telephone complaints about the solicitations being made.

Jersey City Police Director Michael Borseso said he would pick up the charter of the Police Boys Club because he disapproved of its fund raising techniques.

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Show Report

SELLS & GRAY CIRCUS

by Edith S. Johnston

June 18 - Lowell, Ind. - Sells & Gray Circus came in here with less than a week of promotion, and drew a half house, due to the ambition and work of one person. Mary Mazurane, president of the Lowell Band Boosters Organization, and mother of six children - ages 5, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 16 years - dressed her children as clowns with posters on the front and rear of each, and then went to all business organizations, nursing homes and the residential section of town. In one day, Mrs. Mazurane sold over \$700.00 worth of tickets.

After the show a picnic in honor of Father's Day was held in the backyard. The food was all Spanish style cooking, prepared by Gladys Berosini and Jeff Chalmers, assisted by Barbara and Lisa Fairchild and Robin Anne Chandler. Linda Chandler used her new Microwave oven.

Those attending were: Otto, Gladys and Bridgette Berosini, Jeff Chalmers, Rene' Dorsay, Rocky LeBlanc, Dutch Crawford, Barbara and Lisa Fairchild, Henry and Mary Thompson, Phil and Linda Chandler and guests Gerald and Edith Johnston, Tonito Lorenzo and Robin Anne Chandler, and "Rascal," latest addition to Paulette's Peerless Puppies.

June 18 - Highland, Ind. - Sells & Gray drew their largest crowds of the season here with a full house for the matinee and a real straw house for the evening performance. The night show was 30 minutes late getting started, to allow the people to get into the tent, and people were seated right down to the ring curb.

This date was a sell-out for all departments with clown La Rock selling out all the inflatables he had in stock, Tina Storey sold 5 gross of balloons, Jeff Chalmers depleted his entire stock of color-

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Miscellaneous

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There were many pluses for the show: An enthusiastic sponsor, The Chamber of Commerce, An ideal perfect day, A perfect lot, the Main School grounds in town, a veteran promoter, Lorne Morgan, and there hadn't been a circus in Highland, Ind., since 1953.

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14-16 Altoona, Pa.

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July 11-16 Cincinnati, Ohio

BIG APPLE CIRCUS

to Sept. 10 New York, N. Y.

CIRCUS VARGAS

July 10-13 Eugene, Oregon
14-16 Corvallis

EUROPORAMA

July 10 Amarillo, Texas
12-13 Garland
14 Denton
15 Lawton, Okla.
16 Midwest City
17 Jenks
18 Joplin, Mo.

GREAT AMERICAN CIRCUS

July 10 Kingston, N. Y.
11 Poughkeepsie
12 Hillsdale
13 Rutland, Vt.
14 Burlington
15 West Pawlet
16 Brattleboro
17 Ravena, N. Y.
18 Gloversville

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RINGLING-BARNUM - Blue Unit

July 12-16 San Diego, Calif.
18-Aug. 2 Inglewood

RINGLING-BARNUM - Red Unit

July 11-25 Houston, Texas

TNT & ROYAL OLYMPIC CIRCUS

July 11-15 Dallas, Texas
18-22 Independence, Mo.

WENATCHEE YOUTH CIRCUS

July 10 Pullman, Wash.
11 Pomeroy

OTHER DATES

CENTURY 21 SHOWS - Blue Unit

July 14-22 Peoria, Ill.

CENTURY 21 SHOWS - Red Unit

July 14-22 Peoria, Ill.

JAMES H. DREW EXPOSITION SHOWS

July 10-15 New Albany, Ind.

BOB JONES PETTING ZOO

July 17-30 Plymouth Meeting, Pa.

ROYAL AMERICAN SHOWS

to Aug. 6 Maywood, Ill.

ROYAL LIPIZZAN STALLIONS

July 14-16 Anaheim, Calif.

RICKY THE CLOWN

July 10-12 Port Huron, Mich.

THE TENT TROUPE

July 10 Chattanooga, Tenn.
11 Athens
12 Knoxville
13 Oak Ridge
14 Somerset
15 Lexington
17 Georgetown, Ky.
18 Louisville

Show Report

DOBRITCH CIRCUS

Sandy Dobritch put together a strong program for his Du Page County Sheriff Assoc. Circus June 22-25. The show drew raves from visitors, committee, patrons and the sponsors. Business was good throughout the run.

The circus was presented under a Florida Tent Rental big top (150x300), attended to by master canvas boss Walt Davis. Bad storms with tornadoes struck the area before the tent was raised and on Sunday, June 25th, weather was threatening with tornadoes sighted 20 miles south of Wheaton (Ill) where the circus was playing on the fair grounds.

In 1966 a top was lost to a tornado following the final Sunday performance. This year the shows were earlier with one at 11:30 a.m. and the second at 3:30 p.m. The second show was "John Robinsoned" when a tornado watch came into effect.

The program included: Florine and Phil Oler, drums and organ; Jorge Barreda's lions; Aerialetta; Norbu; Clowns; Dante; Vashek; Ethel's greyhounds; Clowns; Mr. Sensation; My-Imba's baboons; the Flying

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TIP TOP SHOWS

July 11-16 Seymour, Wisc.

STEVE WILLIAMS (Vent Act)

July 12-16 Merrillville, Ind.

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WRITER/Film Editor/Producer BILL HARTLEY, associated with the new Canadian TV Series "Circus!" arranged a screening for me of their hour long pilot special, (taped in January and aired in April), and I am pleased to report that, at long last, a television program featuring circus talent has been produced worthy of its title. Considering the spate of so-called circus specials released in the USA, and the hackneyed quality of most, it might behoove CBS, NBC and ABC to take a look at a QUALITY program, produced at low-budget and top speed, which looks like a million. CIRCUS FANS and performers, the world over, will be delighted with a show created with imagination and taste. While "time" does not permit "full" performances, individual acts are edited so as to retain the "meat" and "impact" with nothing lost in the transition. The show is well written, lavishly produced, music is scored after the filming (as in motion pictures) and often it is original music, the camera work is ingenious and the circus segments are cleverly integrated with musical production, backstage bits and comedic highlights.

TAKE a bow producer Bill Hartley, director Michael Steele, choreographer Ken Atkinson, musical director Russ Little, executive producers Arthur Weinthal and Ed Richardson, special consultant Ian Garden, the expert cameramen, and all the talented unnamed geniuses behind the scenes. If Canada hands out the counterpart of the American Emmy, CIRCUS! is bound to cop its fair share.

THE New Canadian Immigration Laws, being lobbied against by CTV, CBC and virtually every major Canadian producer, have made current entry into Canada a virtual nightmare for circus and novelty performers. The law is unfair. While Canada has an abundance of excellent singers, dancers, rock groups, actors and musicians, it has no bank of circus and novelty act talent. This new law MUST be modified to exclude Circus and Novelty Act talent or the entertainment medium in Canada will dissolve into catastrophe.

APPARENTLY the furor was instigated by Canadian Musicians who resented American Musicians crossing into their territory while the American side was "off limits" to them. They have a valid point. Also, I am told by Canadian producers, Rock Groups have entered Canada, grabbed off beaucoup loot and loped off without paying taxes.

IT'S about time Canada and the US got together and let a free exchange of talent flow between our two countries. God knows American circuses have imported a zillion acts from Mexico and behind the Iron Curtain. Here we have a stupid situation between Canada and the US, two countries whose economies depend on each other, with both borders and both countries acting like spoiled children!

WADE BURCK, slim-sational and a blonde to boot, is back working the 16 tigers for JOHN CUNEO. At least I think he is! Everytime I report he is back, he is not, and when I report he has returned to Florida, he is back with Cuneo. Sounds like something out of a Lewis Carroll Fable!

LAST year in Montreal, Cuneo and Burck were approached by a film maker requesting two tigers for a one day movie sequence, with Burck to double for the actor-victim being "thrown to the beasts". The movie turned out to be one of the XXX rated flicks, but the tigers didn't mind and the money was still green, even if the air was definitely BLUE!

SNAPSHOTS: EDDIE SCHMITT's new tiger act, purchased from Gossing, will tour the balance of the Garden Bros. season starting in June. . .the MERAZ-HORTON troupe with Puck's Traveling Circus, now at Ontario Place. . .MICKEY GARDEN has turned Ringmistress, MC'd the show in French speaking areas, ditto NANCY KELLY on the Emmett Kelly, Jr. Circus, who now has a number of glamorous ringmistress costumes. . . DICK GARDEN, whose California Circus was not exactly a winner, is managing the Garden Circus for brother Ian. . .On the other hand, BENTLEY BROS. was a first class winner all the way on its maiden California tour and will repeat in 1979 with extra weeks. . .ELFIE ALTHOFF's Austrian Circus is having a great season in Europe. . .GEE GEE left Garden Bros. in Long Island to fill-in on Gatin No. 1 unit after Eloise was killed. . . KAY ROSAIRE, featured on the CIRCUS! hour special, never looked more glamorous. The 'head-in-the-mouth' routine was done right in the cage with a close-up camera and is sensational. . .The DIONNE TROUPE, WILNOW's Collies, among the many acts playing Canadian fairs for GASTONI. . .The KLEMENTIS bought property near Gainesville, Fla., and HEIDI and JIM GROGAN purchased 13 acres between Tampa and Gib'town. . .The ELKINS SISTERS to Diamond Jim's night club in St. Paul for two weeks. . .AL and SUE DAWLEY to the Kool-Aid Circus, they also have bought property in Savannah Beach. . .TOBY REED, who fell from the high wire at the Cow Palace, is walking with a limp. One knee is shot (he can't bend it), he has a bad arm, and one toe was sewed back on. Toby, married to CHERYL TOCA, is currently working with JOHN and HERTA CUNEO. . .IAN GARDEN dropped a bundle on his Long Island Shrine dates but is philosophical about the loss.

HOW TIME FLIES: REGGIE ROBERTSON is all grown-up, married and a father. . .IAN and MICKEY GARDEN's beautiful kids, RICKEY' IAN Jr. and JEANNIE are also SO grown-up, I had to be re-introduced to them.

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Flash!

June 15 - The World Wide Jungle Circus suffered a blowdown at Strathmore, Alberta, Canada. The accident occurred during the second show, with the top being lifted up and dropped on nearby show trailers. Seven people suffered minor injuries.

June - Puck's Canadian Circus suffered a blowdown while playing at Ontario Place. No injuries were reported, but the top was torn in several places.

SPECIAL

by Bill Seifert

The Great Vaudeville Revival at Diamond Jim's Club in Minnesota featured John-Ivan Palmer, doing feats of ESP, Mind Reading and Psychic Phenomena.

The Dymeks Bears, plus the Elkins Sisters all added up to 3 + 3 + 3 = 100% pure entertainment. The Elkins Sisters were delightful as always, and their dogs tell me the new act is still a mystery to them.

Party Time

Walter and Doris Naghtin, of Circus Vargas, adopted a baby girl - Victoria Alexandria - on June 8 and to celebrate the occasion Jeanne Ann Gibson and Susan Aviles-Martinez gave the new parents a baby shower.

Those attending the party which was held in the circus big top were: Lucia Toth, Judy Baker, Jan Joyner, Debbie Plunkett, June Plunkett, Paula Berkesz, Maizie Baker, Marisella Silva, Esmeralda Rodrigues, Sylvia Lantony, Patti Lane, Kathy Lane, Diana Hartzell, Lis Hillery, Mitzi Gill, Vicki Turcios, Bridget Ballantine, Cheryl Rahhali, Belinda Albuete, Lynn Hunt, Della Tucker, Anna Fritz, Susi Alexander, Gizella Alexander, Ricki Gross, Ava Williams, Herta Braun, the Little Sisters of Jesus, Rita Murphy, Gayle Murry and Molly.

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PEOPLE

BOB and SANDY MOMYER (Roberto & Alexandria) taped three appearances on the new children's TV show "The Expressway". Each segment featured a different part of their magic act with exotic animals and birds. They are scheduled for additional appearances on this nationally aired program which is based in Philadelphia.

TOBY BICKMORE has joined his mother on Circus Vargas and is helping his brother **TIM** in the concession dept.

BILL BIGGERSTAFF's son, **KEVIN**, has also joined Circus Vargas and is working in concessions.

THE NOCK BROS., sway pole; **KATRINA's** Poodle Revue; **HUGO ZACCHINI**, human cannonball and **MISS FUTURISTIC**, rocket car, are working at Six Flags Over Mid-America at Eureka, Mo., for the summer season.

JAN and LARRY JOYNER have purchased a new and larger trailer in which to carry their cats. The extra space was needed after they acquired a tiger and a panther.

Special Day

Baptism of **Glen Michael Hunt** was held in Fremont, Calif., on June 13. His parents are **Lyn and Glen R. Hunt**, of Circus Vargas. **Glen** works elephants and **Lyn** sells tickets.

The baby's God-parents are **Jan Joyner and Cliff Vargas**. Standing in for Mr. Vargas was the baby's grandfather **Fred Holzen**.

The Rev. **Nick Weber**, of San Jose, Calif., presided at the Baptism, assisted by the Sitters of Circus Vargas.

NOTICE

In answer to several requests late this year Circus Report will offer a supplement, providing names of circuses on tour in 1978.

If you have any information on shows that will be helpful we would appreciate hearing from you. If you want your circus listed please send in your show's name, address and phone number, now.

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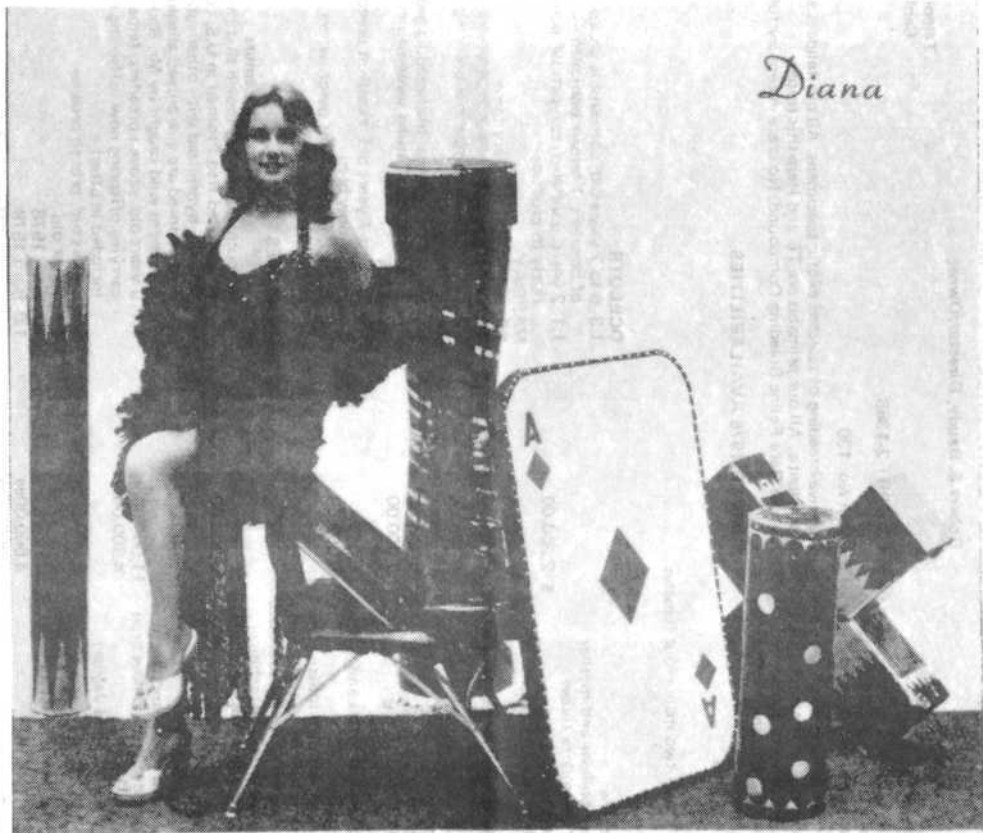
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- 1.1 7 years old, proven breeder, female now bred 11,000.00pr
- 1.1 1 year old littermates 4,800.00pr

Lepjags (hybrid Leopard Jaguar)

- 1.1 1 year old 5,000.00pr

JAGUAR

Jaguar Black

- 2.0 2 1/2 years old 4,000.00ea
- 0.2 3 years old unrelated to above 6,000.00ea
- 0.2 1 year old 5,000.00ea
- 0.1 5 years old proven breeder, excellent mother, bred at this time 8,000.00

Jaguar Spotted

- 0.1 18 months, out of black parents and grandparents 2,500.00

PUMAS

Western

- 1.0 4 years proven breeder 900.00
- 0.1 4 years old, now bred 1,600.00
- 2.2 Compatible breeding group—perfect, females bred 5,000.00gr

Canadian Lynx

- 2.0 Wild caught—Proven Breeders 600.00

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- 1.0 8 years old, excellent breeder 2,500.00
- 0.2 4 years old, proven breeder Bobtail 1,000.00

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BOBCATS

- 2.1 Wild caught, young adults, compatible group 1,000.00gr

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 - 1.1 Born 1978 1,800.00pr
 - 1.0 Born 1978 700.00

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- 3.4 Compatible group—breeding group 1,300.00
- 1.1 1 year old 300.00pr

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Show Report

CIRCUS ODYSSEY

The second annual State Police Circus in Providence (RI) June 15-18, produced by Ed Migley, was up over that of last year's promotion. Ten shows were given in four days with all morning and matinee shows filled to overflowing. The evening shows were comfortably filled.

Vashek and Kathy did their "sky ride" between two downtown buildings on June 14th. The wire was stretched out 600 feet and was 300 feet at its highest point. The daredevil team worked in gusty winds. On June 15th, the Mayor presented Vashek with a Special Proclamation during the matinee performance.

The performance was stronger than last year and featured: William Browning, musical director; Josp Marcan's lions; Aerialetta; Midi-Streeter and Co., clowns; the Great Vashek; The Gutis, comedy; Jo Ann and Sunny, seal act; Lottie Brunn, juggler; Janet's dogs and ponies; Clown walk-around; Mr. Sensation, aerial; Burger's Chimps; Jack Cook's comedy car; the Cristiani elephants and Vashek & Kathy, aerial motorcycle.

Ted Chirrick was ringmaster/announcer; Billy Barton was program director and producer Ed Migley handled the lighting. Bobby Davis was prop boss.



INTERNATIONAL ALL STAR

by Clarence Hastings

Many Michigan Fans were present to meet Hines Rucker and the International All Star Circus when it played Vandercook Lake, Mich., on June 22nd. The local sponsor was the Lions Club and the show played to a straw house, with children sitting on the floor right up to the ring curb.

The program featured: Hines Rucker, performance director; David Eberly, band leader; Don Kirce, stage manager; with - Randa, foot juggler; Terry O'Brien & Co., slack wire; Maria Tanya, hair hang; Clown Capers with Coco; Hines & Co., magic; Carey Brown Duo, rola bola; Al's Pals (poodles); Brad and Julie Ward, single trapeze; Hines Rucker, uncaged leopard; Coco and clowns; Bonnie & Clyde, musical act; Intermission.

After intermission came: Uncle Heavy's Pork Chop Revue; the Clowns; the Ward Family, Roman Rings the Danny Carey Co., balancing; Billy Earl, ventriloquist; the Vasques Chimps; The Terrys, unicycles; The Metamorphose, trunk escape and Mike La Torres with the elephant "Stonie".



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(The following information has been taken from Mattel's Report to Stockholders and Summary of the June 8, 1978 Annual Meeting).

"... Effective May 31, 1978, Mattel's subsidiary, Ringling Bros.-Barnum & Bailey Circus World, Inc. (Circus Theme Park) closed a \$20,000,000, 9 1/2% five year term loan agreement. This loan is guaranteed by Mattel, Inc. and secured by the stock of our Circus Theme Park. The proceeds from the loan together with other general funds were used to repay certain prior mortgages on Circus Theme Park property and existing bank term loans of Mattel, Inc. altogether totaling approximately \$32,800,000 thereby relieving Mattel of various restrictive covenants including the prohibition on dividend payments."

"Fiscal 1978 was a record year in the 108 year history of Ringling Bros.-Barnum & Bailey traveling shows. It was a year of record attendance, sales and profits, notwithstanding boycott efforts by the American Federation of Musicians, an AFL-CIO union, during the first half of fiscal 1978. During the first quarter of fiscal 1979, the circus has continued to experience record annual rates of attendance, sales and profits. Attendance continued up 18%, and revenues were up 21% during the first quarter of fiscal 1979, as compared to that same period last year."

"In seeking new avenues for further growth sustained profits, we are planning beyond our existing traveling shows for future potential. During the current fiscal year, Ringling Bros.-Barnum & Bailey is planning a new one ring traveling show featuring the stars of the International Circus Festival of Monte Carlo with a domestic tour planned for calendar 1979, principally in smaller cities not presently visited by our existing three ring traveling shows. In addition, a contract has been signed for a separate circus unit to perform in Australia in calendar 1980. This unit marks the beginning of a planned entry into the international circus market."

"During the past fiscal year, Ringling Bros.-Barnum & Bailey was featured in three network television specials reaching a cumulative total audience approximating 100,000,000 people worldwide. Television production activities related to circus performances will be expanded in the near-future. An

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JUNGLE LARRY reports his "Circus Africa" at Cedar Point is pulling big crowds, featuring Lion acts, Tiger acts, Chimp Shows, Harmony Act (Chimps riding elephants and llamas, plus a chimp snake routine). All circus folks know how monkeys and apes hate snakes. Trainers of note: Dieter Weichert, of Germany, Joe Skibicki, Nancy Jane Tetzlaff (Safari Jane on TV) and Col. Lawrence Tetzlaff (Jungle Larry). The Colonel is celebrating his 14th year at Cedar Point.

agreement has been reached with NBC for a new multi-year contract for the annual telecast of the Circus Highlights, as well as for additional circus oriented specials."

"As previously reported for fiscal 1978, our Ringling Bros.-Barnum & Bailey Circus Theme Park experienced a 60% increase in attendance over the previous year. For the first quarter of fiscal 1979, paid attendance continued to increase at approximately a 45% improvement rate over the comparable quarter in fiscal 1978, and the Circus Theme Park essentially operated at a breakeven performance level during this historically slow period for central Florida tourism. The previously announced \$6,000,000 Phase II expansion project, which increases the size of the park from 20 acres to 40 acres, is on schedule for completion with an official opening date of July 1, 1978. This expansion features a new 3,500-ft. long roller coaster and further provides new areas for park visitors to witness circus life behind the scenes, a new midway, a new major food facility, other new circus related attractions, and recreation and picnic areas for families and large groups. The opening of this new section of the Circus Theme Park is timed to coincide with the summer increase in tourist traffic throughout central Florida."

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**SELLS & GRAY CIRCUS**

by Neil Cockerline

The Sells & Gray Circus Played Ann Arbor, Mich. on June 24th, sponsored by the Noon Optimist Club. This was formerly a Beatty-Cole date and they had the same sponsors.

The show's rolling equipment looked good with most being brightly painted, but the canvas is well worn. Show times were 4:30 and 8 p.m. and the show lot was next to a shopping center, with an approximate half house attending performances.

The program featured: Kay and Bob Parker on organ and drums; Miss Linda and Miss Tina, web; Ramposio Trio, highwire; Chandler & Co., illusion; Clown La Rock La Rouche with the Tasmanian Straitjacket; Miss Lisa and a high jumping horse; Chalmer Trio, washer woman gag; Linda Carl on the trapeze; Intermission with color book and balloon pitch.

The second half featured: Barbara Fairchild with high school horse "Golden Slipper"; the Clowns with a Long Distance Call; Jeff Chalmers, balancing; Paulette's Peerless Pups; Miss Barbara and Miss Lisa, aerial ladders; the Darcee Family and Marie Christine, juggling and Dutch Crawford and

Mailroom

The Post Office has recently returned mail to CR for the following people:

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Each item was stamped "Unable to Deliver as Addressed". If anyone has a corrected address for these people we'd appreciate your sending it in.

Miscellaneous

Circus Vargas recently took delivery on their new office wagon, which is now placed at a prominent spot on the midway.

Danskin Tights are using a circus-type background for their current advertising campaign.

Wilma with the elephants Bessie and Topsy.

The audience responded favorably to the solo trapeze act and the Peerless Pups, both presented by Linda Chandler, a lovely and talented performer. The announcing was handled by Phil Chandler. Another act that was well received was the elephant act, under the direction of Dutch Crawford. The circus is managed by Wilson Storey.

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SHOW FOLKS

By Clayton Wood

JOYCE RICE, who worked several shows at Old Chicago with The Lone Ranger (Clayton Moore) with her lariats and whips, closed July 5th at Old Chi and leaves July 21 for England where she is to appear with Montie Montana's Wild West Show playing there for three weeks.

THE PABLO RODRIGUES troupe are using Joliet (Ill) as their base of operations this summer. They will remain there until September. A part of the troupe is performing at Old Chicago, others are working for Fleckles at the Summerfest date.

RECENTLY a columnist in CR mentioned a rumor romance between Lupe Rodrigues and Veno Venito. It is no longer a rumor. The couple tells me they are engaged and expect to be married in the near future. The style and beauty of Lupe

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LEE MERRITT of the former Lodi Duo has a new partner and has renamed the act "Rolls Duo" and they opened at Old Chicago on June 27th for an extended engagement. The day before they opened the duo appeared on the Bozo TV show, out of Chicago.

RECEIVED a letter from Raul Alvarez (Flying Alvarez) saying following their June and July stand at the Tivoli Gardens (Copenhagen) they will return to Sweden and join Cirkus Scott for three months. They spent the last half of May with Scott.

THE CHARLIE SMITH Tent CFA held their first official meeting recently at the home of president Don Sexton, in Elgin, Ill. Surprise of the evening came when Charlie and Kitty Smith called from the east where Ringling Red was playing. Each member had an opportunity to say a few words to Charlie. There were about 25 members in attendance. Don't you wish you had made the call collect, Charlie?

WILLIAM L. "Billy" BISHOP, well-known mid-west magician and showbiz personality is talent co-ordinator at Old Chicago.

Prior to Circus Odyssey's June 15-18 date at Providence (RI), Hamid-Morton was in a week ahead for the Shrine and on Monday following the Police date, the Beatty-Cole Circus opened at a local mall.

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Billy Barton (Continued)

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 ing stop each afternoon, filling up tanks in the
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The show left Philadelphia early on the morning
 of June 19th on ConRail and the afternoon stop
 was made at Altoona. The following afternoon
 they stopped in the St. Louis yards, leaving there
 on the Frisco Libe and arriving in Oklahoma City

The Royal Lipizzan Stallions have been appearing
 in Southern California, playing at Santa Barbara
 June 28-29, Long Beach July 7, Los Angeles, July
 8-9 and Anaheim July 14-16. Later the show will
 move into the San Francisco area.

on June 21st and immediately unloaded for that
 engagement. They will move on to Phoenix via
 the Frisco Line.

An additional car has joined the show train. This
 is a laundry car and brings the train to a total of
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FRANK and **ESTRELITA**, who were recently given a parrakeet by **LUCY TOTH** have found the bird is an amazing talker, picks up anything almost instantly.

SEÑOR ANTONIO, balancing trapeze star, is now working at Circus Circus in Las Vegas.

DIANA, the magician, worked the Alameda County Fair in Pleasanton, Calif., on June 28-29.

EARL MICHAELS, ringmaster for Hamid-Morton Circus is handling the announcing duties for the High Diving Horses at Atlantic City's Steel Pier.

IRV ROMIG (Ricky the Clown) will be making appearances at Novi, Port Huron, Madison Hghts, and Detroit (all Mich) this month.

FUND-RAISING LIMITS (Continued)

During another fund-raising campaign **Borso** stopped the Police Athletic League for operating under the same practices. He recently told the Jersey City Rotary Club the **PAL** fund-raising program was a "giant rip-off."

Borso was also annoyed because the Police Boys Club listed him as vice president of the organization. He said that he had never authorized the use of his name in connection with the organization.

MICHAEL De-La-VEGA, magician, is headlining the Music Hall at the Steel Pier in Atlantic City, along with six other variety acts.

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County Fair

Features at the Alameda County Fair, in Pleasanton, Calif. (June 25-July 9) included: Lynn Anderson, vocalist; Bob Hart, comedian; Diana, the magician; the Mickey Finn Band; Glen Ash; the Snyder Bros., comedy; The Temptations; Festus; Clark McDermott and the Cold Nose Five; The Ricco Bros.; The Hughes Corp.; and Danny Davis and the Nashville Brass.

Other features at the fair were: Mesha T. Clown; Lani's Mini Circus; Allen's Petting Zoo, plus a variety of strolling musicians and puppet shows.

DOBRITCH CIRCUS (Continued)

Lunas; Jo Ann & Sunny; Clowns; Prof. Shappi; The Vashek Duo; and Kaye's Hollywood Elephants.

The staff included: Sandy Dobritch, producer/ringmaster/announcer; Vern Woerner, producing clown with David Chabira and Bruce Warner; the lighting/ring curbs/spotlights were by Circus Creations; Jimmy Douglass, lighting director; Vern Woerner, electrician; Bobby Davis, Jr., prop boss; Jimmy Douglass and Billy Barton, assistants to the producer.

Many visitors were on hand including: John Goodall; Luis and Tina Munoz, Gunnar Amandis, Marc Schultz, Stu and Sara Miller, Joe and Eva Horwarth, Bob Owens, Cheri Troy, Phil Schacht and numerous circus fans from the area.

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The Emmett Kelly, Jr., Circus cancelled its dates set for San Jose and Santa Cruz (Calif) due to a lack of advance ticket sales.

The new Hix Circus is back at its North Carolina quarters undergoing a reorganization.

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