



8th Year

September 10, 1979

Number 37

Horse Show Closed

The Lipizzan stallion show, which was expected to become a tourist attraction at Niagara Falls, has closed, several weeks before its scheduled departure. The show had problems getting settled in Niagara Falls because of bad weather and as a result the planned opening was delayed.

The show opened in a temporary arena in July and at that time it was announced the show would be housed in permanent facilities by late 1982. Construction of the proposed 100,000 square foot permanent building was expected to run \$10 million. Thus far no permanent site had actually been selected.

Under terms of the lease, for a 10 week period ending in October, the show's producers agreed to pay the city \$1,000 a week, plus 5% of the show's gross over \$100,000. The city now faces the task of recovering more than \$10,000 and an additional \$1,500 for sewer and water facilities.

City Manager Harvey N. Albond says he has consulted with the organization's counsel and the city has made a formal demand that the horse show owners begin making the contract payments.

He also said that it was his

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Performer Freed

A California wire walker, who says he is Steven Gregory Wallenda, was released by a Tacoma, Wash., judge after serving three days in jail and being charged with several violations.

He was charged with two traffic violations, shop-lifting, littering and reckless-endangerment.

The Judge sentenced him to 10 days

in jail, gave him credit for the three days served and suspended the rest. At the same time he was ordered not to try to perform any high wire acts on public bridges or buildings within the county, without having first obtained the proper permits.

Wallenda said he did the stunt to call

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OHIO STATE FAIR CIRCUS

After an absence of two years, Kleins Attractions again brought their Circus Continental to the Ohio State Fair for the 1979 season. Full houses were the order of the day for each performance.

The circus was presented under a blue and white big top, brought in from the Florida Tent Rentals, with Walt Davis on hand to oversee its set-up, etc.

Shows were presented twice daily, with three shows on weekends. Most performances drew SRO crowds and it is expected that the circus will be brought back again on a regular basis.

The circus was produced by Peggy and Bob Kaltenbach, with Kenny Milton, equestrian director, plus a 12 piece union circus band.

The program featured: Clowns Harry (Rick Legg) and Whizzer (Dan Bridwell), come-in; Overture; the Chris Alberti Poodle Review; Miss Carmen, wire; Clown Sharpshooter; The Navarros, unicycles; Carmen del Molino, trapeze; Giovanni's Pizza Parlor; the Clown Strong Man; Hunky Johnson's Bears; The Dolly Sisters, cradle act; and Phil Anthony's liberty horses.

IN MEMORIAM

M. L. DUPONT (57), a long-time circus fan and collector, died at his home in Monroe, La., on Aug. 10th after suffering a heart attack. For many years he was in the insurance business and retired from his own agency in 1972. Since that time he has worked as a clown, wrote for Circus Report and Midway, and with the Louisiana Purchase Garden and Zoo in Monroe. Survivors include his wife, Elsie, a daughter Mrs. Gail Watson, a son Marion R., a brother and a sister.

JACK L. GREEN (65), clown and musician known as Uncle Jack, who worked fairs and circuses for many years with his wife, Aunt Kay. He died Aug. 17th at his home in Akron, Ohio, of cancer. In 1948-49 he was with Horace Heidt's big band and for many years toured in vaudeville with his musical bottle act. Survivors include his wife, Katherine,

FRED HORTON (74) retired circus and motion picture man, died June 8th in Southern California. He was a consultant, designer and builder of circus props, rigging and wagons from the mid-1920's to 1947 for the motion picture industry. In 1947 he joined Jimmie Woods Pan American Amusement Corp. and held a number of positions with that firm. He also served as leison between the corporation and the film industry. His credits include Trapeze, Circus World and Greatest Show on Earth. He also worked with the SJM Fiesta Shows and Foley & Burk Shows before retiring.

MRS. JOHN LENKER (Roberta Will) wife of long-time circus fan John Lenker, she worked as a booking agent for the Big John Strong Circus and in earlier years helped with the Great Y Circus of Redlands, Calif. She died on Aug. 23rd, at Redlands, after a long illness.

BOB YERKES worked as catcher for the Flying Carrolls, an act featured with the Carden-Johnson Circus on its dates in Reno and Vancouver, BC.

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REPORT

CIRCUS CONCERT

..... by Marvin C. Gabel

The 14th annual Circus Band Concert at Sioux Falls, S. D., was held at the Terrace Park on Aug. 5th. The event was planned and presented by Paul Hoy, local CFA'r. He had several circus posters displayed at the band shell, where several hundred people enjoyed the concert.

Featured during the evening as soloists were Gena Hartig and Dr. Harold Krueger. Paul Wegner was the ringmaster/announcer and the band was directed by Dr. Leland Lillehaug.

The musical program featured such numbers as: Star Spangled Banner, The Purple Carnival, Woody Van's March, Carnival, Circus Echoes Gallop, The Magic Trumpet, Red Wagons, Wedding of the Winds, Amparito Roca, Wizard of Oz medley, High and Mighty, Trombone Blues, Robinson's Grand Entree, Carioca, Circus Days, Trombones Triumphant and Thunder and Blazes.

Miscellaneous

CFA's from Phoenix and the surrounding area visited the Hubert Castle Circus during the show's Sept. 8-9 engagement in Phoenix.

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Sept. 7-9 Kokomo, Ind.
10-13 Richmond
13-16 Springfield, Ohio

Bentley Bros. Circus

Sept. 11-13 Wilmington, Dela.
15-16 Johnstown, Pa.

Hubert Castle Circus

Sept. 11 Gallup, N. M.
12 Farmington
15-17 Colo. Springs, Colo

Circus Vargas

to Sept. 11 El Paso, Texas
Sept. 13-17 San Antonio

Hoxie Bros. Circus

Sept. 6 Princeton, Ill.
9 Terre Haute, Ind.

Ringling-Barnum - Blue Unit

Sept. 12-16 Toledo, Ohio

Ringling-Barnum - Red Unit

Aug 30-Sep 3 San Francisco, Ca.
Sept. 5-10 Fresno

Royal Danish Circus

Sept. 14-16 Latham, NY

Royal Hanneford Circus

Sept. 12-16 W. Springfield, Mass

Royal Lichtenstein Circus

Sept. 10 Oakland, Calif.
11 Hayward
12 Forest Grove, Ore.
13 Portland
14 Salem
15-16 Mt. Angel

Swan Bros. Circus

Sept. 13-16 Lodi, Calif.

TNT & Royal Olympic Circus

Sept. 12-16 Overland Park, Kans.

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Tom Ogden, Magician

Sept. 14-16 Toronto, Ont.

Ream, the Magician

Sept. 12-16 Macon, Ga.

---- OTHER DATES ----

Century 21 Shows - Blue Unit

Sept. 10-15 Jasper, Ala.

Century 21 Shows - Red Unit

Sept. 10-15 Jackson, Tenn.

James H. Drew Exposition

Sept. 10-15 Carrollton, Ga.

Gutis Family - Comedy Act

Sept. 15 Rochester, NY

Ice Capades - Eastern Unit

Sept. 13-23 Pittsburgh, Pa.

Ice Capades - Western Unit

Sept. 14-19 San Antonio, Tex.

Kaye Hollywood Elephants

Sept. 11-13 Wilmington, Dela.
15-16 Johnstown, Pa.

Mr. Lollipops, the Clown

Sept. 15 Huntington, L.I., NY

Los Latinos - Wire Act

Sept. 11-13 Wilmington, Dela.
15-16 Johnstown, Pa.

Mighty Thomas Shows

Sept. 8-15 Spencer, Iowa

Royal American Shows

to Sept. 16 Hutchison, Kans.

Tip Top Shows - Blue Unit

Sept. 12-16 Viroqua, Wisc.

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Hugo Zacchini and Cleveland's TV station WEWS have reportedly reached an out-of-court settlement in a suit filed by Zacchini against the station which televised the Human Cannonball's act.

Terms of the settlement were not announced but it is believed to range from \$10,000 and the \$25,000 sought as a result of the suit.

Zacchini contended he was deprived of the commercial value of his act when the station showed a film of his entire 12 second stunt without his permission. In 1977 the U. S. Supreme Court ruled in favor of Zacchini.



Billy Barton

PLANS CHANGE so rapidly in this business it's almost impossible to keep up with them! Now rumors are the MONTE CARLO CIRCUS will go to Australia for MICHAEL EDGELEY next season. Meanwhile I've heard the FELD's invited bigwigs from Las Vegas with an eye to setting the circus in Vegas after it closes at Circus World.

M & M Circus Internationale produced the circus at the Detroit State Fair this year. Among those participating in the one hour circus were: JIMMY DOUGLASS, Ma-Ho-Pin, the Uptons, and the Tony Diano bulls. Nearby at the same time were two other circuses, the Dobritch Circus at Wayne and Garden Bros. in Windsor.

Word is that NANCY GIORDONO fell again, this time during a practice session, and was for the second time very seriously injured. My report at this writing is somewhat garbled and those are the only details I have.

The WIREGARDS are home after a trip to Sweden to visit Ossian's Parents, aged 94 and 98 respectively. They are the oldest living married couple in Sweden - married 73 years, reveals Em in her letter. Son Brent is back in Sweden after a two months engagement in Helsinki. He returned to meet his newborn daughter. Now that Brent has his permanent visa he anticipates working dates in the USA and has two rigs - one here, one in Sweden.

DAVE HOOVER, agent for CR on Beatty-Cole, tells me he sells 62 CRs weekly and always runs out. Compare that with two other issues of one industry paper and ten of another which proves does it not that CR has taken its rightful place as the leader of the field.

CLOSEUPS: Hanneford Circus will

play Chicago. . . MARK KAROLY is making a much longer cannon jump . . . DAME KATE will be 91 this year and is still bowing center ring - an incredible woman! . . . MICKEY GARDEN continues to suffer serious problems with the slipped discs in her back and refuses to have an operation. . . JIMMY DOUGLASS had to ship his latest pipe organ acquisition home in a semi and, after several months, finally got back to Florida only to leave again . . . Circus Vargas is in Texas where it will remain for several weeks and that's as far East as it is coming, unless Cliff changes his mind.

TO Monaco this winter for the circusfest go CHRISTOPHER JAMES, the FLYING ESPANAS, the PLUNKETTS and the FRANCONI DUO . . . The KNEISLEY DUO (Bill and Donna) to Circus Vargas in 1980. . . GERRARD SOULES to make the Royal Hanneford Circus tour next season. . . FLYING LANES to Garden Bros. . . JACKIE ZERBINI spent several weeks in Paris visiting her family. While she was gone her two daughters presented their unique double-web routine to fill in on the Castle dates so Jackie could take the trip. . . MICKEY YOUNG's wife is pregnant. . . SAMPION and MARIE-FRANCE are back with BILL GARDEN's Showtime Follies. She's added two more Yorkies to her adorable Yorkie Dog Act, plus many cute new routines. . . TRUDY STRONG has augmented her new Dalmatian Liberty dog act with an appaloosa pony. . . the CONKLIN Carnival bought out the Deggeller show and their circus unit at the CNE Exposition featured among the many acts BUCKY STEELE's elephants, the YOUNG TROUPE, ELEK SEBESTYN's poodles, Miss RUTH ANN, WINI MCKAY, CHESTER CABLE,

RUMPY the clown, the BERANS. The run was for 20 days with two units interchanging the 6show a day schedule. . . Among the acts making the Ottawa Fair for GUNNAR AMANDIS were CHRISTOPHER JAMES, the ZERBINI riding act, the QUASARS, the GREAT HUBERTO and the PLUNKETTS. . . During their trip to Las Vegas HERTA and JOHN CUNEO were the guests of SIEGFRED and ROY. . . IAN GARDEN's enlarged tent unit plays two weeks of shopping malls in Toronto this fall. The tent unit will have a lengthy tour in 1980. . . The PINSONS left the Gaturi Circus Maritime Unit and are now spot-dating. . . BILL BRICKLE is playing fair dates in the East. . . SA SA ARMOR is doing a new single aerial act in conjunction with the cradle - a revolving "meteor" rigging all mirrored and easy to hang on which the shapely glamorgal does her usual outstanding job. . . Sa Sa says Reggie is coming along fine but is bored staying home in Florida. . . IAN GARDEN's liberty horses appeared at the Ohio State Fair circus date.

The Canadian TV program Circus! which has expanded to an hour and which has been sold to 15 countries in syndication, has at least two more major tapings scheduled this year. Ian Garden has fed 177 acts thus far into that talent-eating machine! In the recent August three days of taping the following acts worked: Frank's Tigers, The Widgets, Tino Zoppe, Miss Olinika, Townson's Yockers, Los Latinos, Joanne Pinson and Toma, The Wainwrights, The Quassars, Boxing Chimp act, The Satin Doll, Joanne's Huskies, Berans' Perch, Bucky Steele and Barbara Tata with two different elephant acts, the Flying Espanas, Mister Sensation, Bill Brickle's Poodles, Zamper-

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FANTASY ON ICE

..... by Jim Greene

We had the good fortune to catch "Fantasy on Ice" at the Omni International at Atlanta, Ga. The Omni was the home of the late World of Sid and Marty Kroft and is a huge hotel and mall complex.

As "Fantasy On Ice" usually appears on synthetic ice in an area of 16 x 20 ft., the Omni was quite a treat for the performers with its own ice ring, 80 x 180 ft.

The program featured: The graceful and lovely Angela Adney; from Hawaii: Louanii, a very funny pig in a hula skirt which created much stir with the younger set; then U. S. figure skating gold medalist, Valery Lavine; The Dare-devil on ice skates, Richard Roland who kept the audience in suspense as he jumped over barrels and Valery Levine.

Next came Brian Grant; then a great comedy routine; then Angela Adney came back to teach Sandy the Bear to skate, much to the audience's delight; Joey Jordan takes the ice next with superb juggling. Joey was on his way, after this performance, to tape the Guinness Records TV Show where he will tie the record by juggling 10 balls. The performance ends with a finale with all 6 skaters. Jarda Kubik is the comedian on the show.

The performance ran 30 minutes and three shows were presented at the Omni for four days. The show carries a back set of running lights and travels in two vans.

Miscellaneous

As part of their National Clown Week activities, 15 clowns from the Mid-Cities Clown Alley No. 85, had an all-clown show in the Scottish Rite Crippled Children's Hospital at Dallas, Texas. The show, which was MC'd by Martin "Lancelot Goodperson" Reeves, featured Anita "Jingles" Moerbes and was filmed by P. M. Magazine to be aired in Sept,

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SPECIAL

..... by Don Sandman

The Sells Bros. Top CFA held its '79 convention at the Americana Amusement Park, Middletown, Ohio, Aug. 18th.

Some 40 circus fans and guests signed the registration book, and 22 circus people joined them for a chicken, turkey, beef and ham buffet after the evening circus performance.

Most of the fans sat through three of the circus performances (1, 4:30 and 7 p.m.) presented by the Hanneford Circus. They were entertained by the Hanneford Family Riding Act, Tajana and her tigers, the Ventura Duo (Julie and Eddie), Slavic, the Hanneford elephants, Wally and Chryl Jones, Senor Rai, Mark Karoly, Gary and Terri Borstelman, Tatiana Lewis, Elaine Stonin, Dolly Chapman, Nellie Hanneford and of course Katherine Hanneford.

A short business meeting was held in the circus tent, between shows and Mrs. George Hanneford was made an

Honorary Member of the group. An election was also held, thus naming Larry Lyons, chairman, Don Sandman, vice chairman and Hazel Young secretary/treasurer.

Following the evening banquet Senor Rai introduced each of the circus people to the fans. Later both Tommy and Struppi spoke to the group and presented each one with a circus program book. Tommy announced he would be producing the Syrian Shrine Circus in May 1980. He also said he had purchased Circus Girard and would take over the show at the end of its current season.

Movies of Circus Vargas, taken by Ralph Decker, of Tacoma, Wash., were shown in the evening. Michigan apples were provided for everyone by Elsie and Herman Brandmiller.

PEOPLE

ALBERT and ANITA VONDERHEID visited the American Continental Circus at Medicine Hat (Canada) last month. They were enroute home from a vacation in Alaska.

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... by Lloyd E. Jones

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If one were to find fault with the show it would be that the opening number of color changing silk, rope routine and linking rings was a rather weak beginning and unfortunately the impact of a big illusion like the lady to tiger at the finale was subdued by one final song and dance number. This was done intentionally according to Marsh in order to start off slow and come full circle to a quiet end, although we felt it lost some of its effectiveness. But all in all, it is

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Whereas Doug Henning's opening show was tossed out and only the theme and Henning retained, here it is possible that the magic could be changed and the theme, music and dancers be featured.

Current plans are for a local run for some time, to provide a bank roll and experience before moving this quality show to larger stages.

SPECIAL

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Acts

Acts working at the San Fernando Valley Fair (Calif) on Aug. 1-5 were: Chuck Jones, magic; Hal Southern's Western Band; Rene's Puppets; Music Farmers; Montezuma's Revenge; Marshall O'Dell, official fair clown; Judy Lynn, western singer; Howard Hardin, comedy juggler; Mr. Electric, magic; Moore's Mongrel Revue; Nico Princely; Sally & Clay Hart, vocalists; and George Goulding, organist.

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DeMILLE and DEBBIE GOETSCHI will finish up their date at Busch Gardens on Sept. 23rd, then open in West Virginia on Oct. 3rd for the Hetzer Attractions. They report that recent visitors at the park were: DON PHILLIPS Family, TONY and IRIS (Keppo) POTTER, and BILLY GUNGA and family.

THE WALTENS FAMILY, balancing act, wound up their Gaslight Village date on Sept. 3rd, then play dates in Conn., and Missouri before going off to do school shows in Texas.

IAN GARDEN, Jr. and PHIL AN-

THONY, of the Garden Hollywood Liberty Horses, were guests of DON and FRAN BRIDWELL, at their home in Columbus, Ohio, during the Ohio State Fair dates.

"Pony Russell" BOLSTAD became ill and was hospitalized in Oakland, Calif., during the Ringling Red Unit run in that city. He has been with the show for some 22 years, working on both the Red and Blue units.

THE DOLLY SISTERS, aerial cradle act will be featured on the Texas Shrine dates.

weddings



CHUCK CRAW, assistant director of the Great All American Youth Circus and LORI FINN were married at Menlo Park, Calif., on Aug. 18th.

In addition to their work with the Redlands, Calif., youth circus, they have performed in Circus Fantastic at Marriott's Great America in Santa Clara, where they first met.

Also attending the ceremony were circus performer and staff members Jill Finders, Scott Floyd, Bill Crow and Warren Wood.

WASHINGTON TUBBS II



NAMES in the NEWS

VIC UNSBERGER, a Hollywood stunt man, has been doubling for MARTY FELDMAN in the movie "In God We Trust."

HEIDI WENDANY has completed work with her trained horse in a TV film which features SHIRLEY JONES. The film is scheduled to be aired late this fall.

MAE WEST has signed to appear in a series of TV commercials for the Poland Spring Water Co.

WARREN WOOD, director of the Redlands, Calif., Great All American Youth Circus, visited the Circus City Festival at Peru, Ind. (July 17-20), where he was a guest of Peru Head Trainer DARRELL MEDLEY.

KEN BENOIT, lion trainer; KEN "Turtle" BENSON ringmaster and LEANNE STEPHEN, trapeze star, were featured in a Sioux City, S. D., TV documentary on Circus Genoa.

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FRANK CAIN's parade heads (60) were featured in the Fall Fantasy Mardi Gras Parade at Pittsburgh, Pa. on Aug. 16th. The heads were also seen in a Sept. 5th parade at Mon-

mouth, Ill. and a Sept. 8th festival in El Paso, Ill.

THE CANESTRELLI TROUPE has been signed for a 14 week tour in Australia with the Ringling Show, which will be followed by a 1980-81 tour with the Ice Follies.

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HERBIE WEBER, slide for life, and the **JAMES ZOPPE** Riders closed at Pittsburgh's Kennywood Park on Aug. 12th and the **GREAT BRUNO**, break-away sway pole replaced them on the lagoon stage.

TOM LA BECK, magician, is featured at Kennywood Park in Pittsburgh where he does four shows a day.

JOHN TOWSEN and **FRED YOCKERS**, clowns, filmed a segment for Canada's TV Show 'Circus', and also

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worked the convention of American Theatre Association in New York.

DOLORES CORONADO, versatile aerial performer, reportedly turned down an offer to tour with a Ringling unit.

Acts

SHOWTIME FOLLIES

Acts appearing with Showtime Follies at its Aug. 10th engagement in Daytona Beach, Fla. were:

Paulette Braun, baton twirling; Holveck & Co., magic/illusions; the Fornasari Family, foot juggling/trampoline/musical clowns; Ray Merrick, plate spinning; the Olmedas, balancing/bikes; Alfredo's comedy dogs; Leo Mascitto, band leader; Lenny Balastrari, musician; and Gary Holveck, ringmaster.

Special guest for the show date was popular showman James M. Cole.



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... by Arthur C. Zander

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REPORT**FRANZEN BROS. CIRCUS**

... by Joe Wichtowski

Franzen Bros. Circus played the Genesee County Fair at Mt. Morris, Mich Aug. 14 thru 19.

The circus was presented under the big top and was a free attraction for fair visitors. The show was sponsored by union locals of the UAW-CAP.

Presented in halves on Saturday, Aug. 18th, the performances included:

First half at 11:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Freddie, the clown with color book pitch; Wayne Franzen, 3 lions, 2 Bengal tigers; Freddie with three men of the audience in a balloon contest; Ton to, pick-out pony with Prof. Brian; Juggling by Curtis Kid Cainin; Tina Brown on web; Arabian Fantasy with camel and llama; Miss Tina and Mr. Paul, magic; Trained goats (8) finishing with long mount.

Second half at 1:30 and 6:30 p.m. - Color book pitch; The Alfonsons, revolving ladder, Tina Brown, Brian Grieser, Curtis Kid Cainin; Freddie with balloon pitch; Miss Okha, elephant presented by Wayne Franzen; Tight wire by Curtis Kid Cainin; Miss Tina on high trapeze; Cainin's Dogs; Wayne Franzen with liberty ponies (12).

Between the 4:30 and 6:30 p.m. performances, at the Genesee County Fair, Miss Tina Virginia Brown and Brian Arthur Grieser, were married by District Judge Dale A. Riker, CFA

PEOPLE

GEZA GEIER, Hungarian circus performer, now doing stilt walking as "Uncle Sam" just completed his 4th year as an attraction at the Ohio State Fair. He will also be appearing at various fairs in Canada.

VIRGIL (Shivo) SHIVERS and **EM-METT (Bo Bo) MILLER**, Ohio State Fair Clowns recently visited with **DON** and **FRAN BRIDWELL**, as well as **RICK LEGG** at the Ohio State Fair Circus in Columbus.

RICK (Harry the Clown) LEGG will be doing some dates for **JIMMY DOUGLASS' Clown Alley**, after which he will start setting and working his magic show.

VELMA and **ADEN LOWRY** report 3 carloads of people came to tour their circus rooms on Aug. 25th.

W. E. PAGE, retired show owner, celebrated his 70th birthday at his home in Russellville, Ky., on Aug. 25th.

PAUL WESSLER visited with friends on the Ringling Red Unit at the Cow Palace in San Francisco.

MAIL BAG

... from Royal Crown Circus

I kid you not, Don, but the mail is still coming in. As of today's mail, we have received 1631 pieces of mail and all credited to Circus Report. It just goes to show what your publication is capable of.

The ceremony took place in the cat cage, with Wayne Franzen and a lion plus two tigers as witnesses.

After the 6:30 p.m. show and the circus' own reception, Dale and his wife Evelyn, hosted the circus people and Michigan circus fans at their home in Flint.

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FLASH**PARK SOLD**

Marine World/Africa USA, the amusement park in Redwood City, Calif., has reportedly been sold to a local group of investors, headed by the park's manager Michael Demetrios. He has run the park for Resorts Int'l ever since they bought it from ABC in 1974.

News reports indicate that Demetrios has a 50% interest in the new owner's group and that the acquisition was financed by a five year loan of \$1.5 million from Resorts International.

Resorts Int'l paid about \$3 million for the park when they purchased it from ABC. Since that time they have invested about \$5.4 million in the park facilities.

STOP ORDER

Claiming unfair competition Ringling Bros.-Barnum & Bailey Circus has ordered Hollywood's Circus Disco to refrain from using the phrase "The Greatest Disco On Earth," in any future advertising.

Show attorneys notified the disco via telegram on Aug. 18th that the slogan is deemed an infringement on the circus' "Greatest Show On Earth" motto, which has been in use since the 1870's.

Disco used its slogan on a billboard in West Hollywood, which was set for a July-August run.

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ADDITIONAL CLOSEUPS: On Aug. 7-8 **FRANK DEAN** was summoned for the new **GUINNESS GAMES TV Show** (debuting this month) to break all existing records of "11 loops being spun at one time, performed last 23 years ago by **ROY VINCENT**". Frank says that unbeknownst to the Guinness people **SYLVESTER BRAUN** has "spun 13 loops for many years." Thus **DEAN** had to spin 14 loops to outdo his two friends - which of course he did, in time to be included in the 1980 issue of the Guinness World Records. . . **DARRELL WALLEN** and Mr. Rhythm have played a number of rodeos this year, also the Milwaukee Horse Show (Aug. 26-Sep. 2), the Utah State Fair in mid-Sept., follow-

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ed by the Minot (ND) Rodeo for 5 days. . . **TRUDY** and **BILL STRONG** received a NEW shipment of chickens (now don't ask me to explain these things - I ONLY report them!).

SMELLING TO HIGH HEAVEN:
JAMES PLUNKETT owns a black Labrador retriever that certainly lives up

to its name, though not quite in the manner James would hope! The dog pursued and retrieved a skunk. James in trying to rid the dog of its pungent odor ended up smelling worse than did both! The dog was tied outdoors all night. I don't know what his wife did with James!

See you down the road luvv.

Show Report

EMMETT KELLY, JR. CIRCUS
... by Sally Payne

"I Didn't Promise You A Rose Garden," but that is what the Emmett Kelly, Jr. Circus got at the Kentucky State Fair (Louisville) this year. It was to the right of the marquee and at the head of the trailer line-up.

The Barnes top was spotted in front of the West lawn this year, on the black top, and the trailers were on the Bluegrass behind it.

The date was Aug. 9-18, and opening day (Thurs) was hot, in the 90's, so was Friday, but Saturday it rained all day (Capacity business just the same) and the temperature dropped 30 degrees for Sunday to the upper 60's, also a good crowd on Sunday.

The Fair Board rented the Barnes top, a 4 pole bale ring, 110 ft. round with three 45 ft. middles. Walt Davis was plenty busy since he had tops at the Fair in Kentucky and Ohio, several religious groups (Ohio, Mich) and at Du Quion, Ill., Emmett's next spot. New this year, inside the big top, was a novelty concession stand, which handled Emmett's program/coloring book, thus eliminating a need to sell in the seats. Inside the entrance to the left was a popcorn machine.

Col. Bob (Smiley) Corbin, played the "Bally" for the 2 and 4:30 pm shows for the circus on his Tanglely calliope.

Even though there was a rose garden at the head of the trailer line-up, on the Bluegrass, there was no snow fence to keep patrons from milling from the buildings through the backyard to the top. As a result performers were deprived of their privacy, security and rest. Lilli-Ana and Svend had the Possum belly door of their semi broken off when a car backed into it, by someone who crashed the guard rope but they caught him as he tried to speed away.

At 4 a.m. (Aug. 17) some vandals got into the tent and started up the loud speaker system, waking everyone up. They also took the cover off Chuck Gomes drums, but further possible damage was prevented when Bob Bell

Mailroom

The Post Office reports that Circus Reports being mailed to the following people carries an incorrect address:

John and Ruth Owen
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arrived on the scene. The local security guard was sleeping in his car.

Vashek and Kathy drove 1500 miles from the Calgary Stampede to make this date, and Virginia Lee Fenton and Chuck Gomes jumped in from California.

News reports stated that fair attendance was down 24,000 this year, as compared to last year. With one day less.

On Saturday (Aug. 18) Larry Holder official photographer for the State of Kentucky was taking photos of the performance, which will be used in future state publications.

Tom Powell, of AB, spent two days covering the Fair and in their issue of Aug. 25th, gave the circus a real nice story.

The show's program featured: Mark Anthony, break-away bike; Overture; Lilli-Ana, leopards; The Christinos, adagio; Emmett, standing on hands; The Arias, Golden Retriever dogs; Emmett, walking a rope; The Great Vashek, inclined wire walk; Miss Christina, single trapeze; Mark Anthony, comedy car; The Aria Bear act; Emmett, magic; The Knops, high perch; Emmett, Thanks to Band; The Vashek Duo, aerial motorcycle; Emmett and Nancy say "Goodbye."

Nancy Kelly is the ringmistress, wearing black shorts with red coat and a top hat, with rhinestone-studded high heeled sandals; Virginia Lee Fenton directed the band; Bob Bell, handled lighting and Ruth McGuire handles props.

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In Memoriam

GEORGE W. KIENZLE (81) a long time circus fan and friend of many circus people, died Aug. 16th at Lititz, Pa. He had been a printer composer most of his life and recently was awarded his 60 year pin by the International Typographical Union. He was a regular visitor on shows and in 1969 went to Switzerland to visit Circus Knie. He is survived by a son, George W. Jr., of Lancaster, Pa.

DARRYL PERRY (17), son of Australian show owner Alby Perry, and a fine foot juggler, was shot and killed in his circus van on July 13th. The shooting took place at Marreba, near Cairns, North Queensland.

His father attempted to avert the gunman but was too late to save his son. A local man has been charged with the murder.

Miscellaneous

Fisher Bros. Circus opened its 1979 season on Jan. 7th, in the Rio Grande Valley. They'll close next week after playing dates in Missouri.

Notice

Anyone who can provide information regarding the whereabouts of Susan Marie Lewis, formerly from San Jose, Calif., please contact

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Theft

While in Oakland, Calif. (Aug. 21-28) some Ringling Red Unit people were victims of the local criminal element.

A show girl was stopped one morning as she walked towards the building and was threatened with a knife. The thief took what money she had and ran off.

One night a gang of youths jumped two workmen who were walking back to the train. They lost what money they had in their pockets.

Once a concession trunk was broken open, but apparently nothing was missing. Twice when concessionaires arrived to start work they found their trunks had been pushed down ramps which lead to the outside.

HORSE SHOW CLOSED (Continued)

understanding the show was returning to Rochester. However, early in the season it was announced the show had plans to tour Europe this winter.

The show was expected to draw tourists visiting Niagara Falls, and especially those visiting the Canadian side. It did not draw the crowds expected and frequently was hit by rain and generally bad weather.

Mayor Michael O'Laughlin said he was confident that "some representative from the stallion show would come to City Hall and discuss the obvious problem, the need to close down the show before the scheduled date. They probably were really discouraged by the kind of weather they had, too," said the mayor.

He also said that he wouldn't "see any thing dishonorable if the show's producers decided on an alternate site as long as they take care of the final commitment here."

The temporary facilities included a 6,000 square foot steel stable and a canopy tent show arena with a seating capacity for 1,500 people. The show producers originally planned to stage one formal two hour night show each evening. Informal training sessions and a mini-show were planned during the daytime, but several days of bad weather prevented this program schedule.



HANNEFORD FAMILY CIRCUS

... by Don Sandman

The Darke County Fair, at Greenville (Ohio) presented a double attraction for circus fans on Aug. 19th - offering the Hanneford Family Circus under the big top and the Movieland Big Wild Animal Show at the grandstand.

George and Vicki and the Hanneford Family Circus were at the fair for the fifth consecutive time, and they were in for the full Aug. 17-24 date. Four shows a day (12, 2, 4 and 8) were presented and the circus was free to fairgoers.

It is a one ring circus and featured in the performances were Victoria Hanneford, announcer; Charles Schlarbaum, band leader; Steve Stefani, organist; John MacKay, clown; The Bounding Kays, trampoline; The Agulars, perch; Hanneford's Mixed Animals (llama, pony, elephant); Princess Morning Star, trapeze; The Agulars, teeterboard; Hanneford's dogs and the Hanneford elephants.

The Sunday, 12 and 2 p.m. shows had to be cancelled. As they were getting things ready for the show a cloud burst of a storm dumped water on the fairgrounds and the circus area became covered with water up to the ring curb. But old mud show troupers that they were, they had things ready for the 4

BRIDGE WALKER (Continued)

attention to a muscular-dystrophy telethon; as a prayer for world recognition of the anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima; to celebrate his daughter's birthday and in memory of the late Karl Wallenda.

and 8 p.m. shows.

The rain storm also washed out the afternoon performance of the Movieland Animal Show at the grandstand. This show is a Variety Attractions Production.

Bill King is the MC; Jackie presents Beauregard, Jr. Hee Haw TV star; Bill Rivers had his racing ostriches and mules, also his horse Silver Mist and his comedy chimps; Ben DeWayne had the Kaye Hollywood Elephants; Connie Welde had uncaged leopards; Warren Follin, presented an exotic animal revue (camel, llamas, pony); Warren also had the Dog Catcher's Dream group of canines; Tim Rivers, comedy car, Brahma bull, chariot racing; Sharron Morris, Roman riding and trick riding; Doris and Karen Shawbacker, trick riders; Clowning was by Bill Vaughan and Wayne Liikala.

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