



7th Year

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The Hippodrome is known throughout the world as a circus building and has been the site for many famous circus presentations. One of the early famous shows to play there was the famous Howes & Cushings in 1867.

Gilbert established the building as a circus facility and had his show there for some 30 weeks each year. He died in 1915 and there were no circuses there until 1920 and 1921 when the Henglers took over the building.

Later T. E. Reed acquired the building and started presenting circuses there. He operated there from 1923 to 1930. Reed died in 1931, but his family continued to present a circus, from 1932 until 1939 when the war broke out.

Billy (W. A.) Russell bought the Hippodrome and re-established it as the home of the circus for the years 1951-1957. After Russell's death, Ben Dean operated circuses

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by Mike Naughton

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CFA Frank Howard visited the Hubert Castle Circus on its closing day (Oct. 28) at Utica, N.Y.

Patrick and Mary Bissonette are homesteading in snow-bound Minnesota.

Dave Upton has added the "roll over" to his uncaged cougar act.

Singing ringmaster James Royal will be returning to the Hoxie show in '79.

Ivey Upton went on a rhinestone shopping spree while in New York City.

The Maurice Robertson family will be with Circus Gatini in Quebec next summer, and the Chandlers will tour with the James M. Cole All Star TV Circus this winter.

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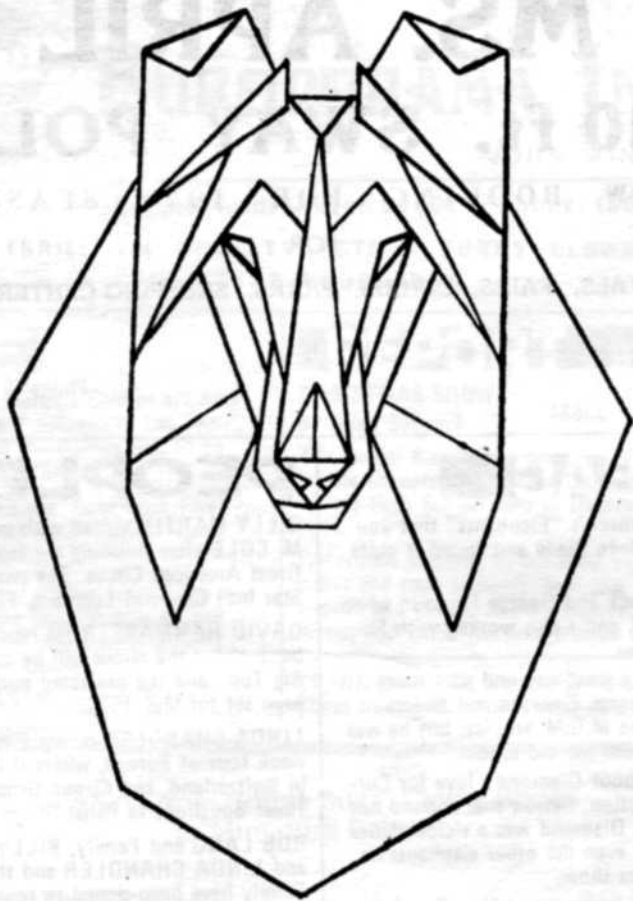


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## M.A.M.G.

Just read Frank Whitbeck's "Elephants" that you reprinted from the Toledo Blade and found it quite interesting.

I knew Frank Whitbeck and George Emerson when they were with M.G.M. and I also worked with Slivers on the Barnes show.

Frank Whitbeck was a great guy and gave many other hands besides George Emerson and Slivers many breaks around the M.G.M. studios, but he was always a press agent from the old school.

The touching story about Diamond's love for Curley Pricket is purely fiction, fiction that should not be perpetuated as fact. Diamond was a vicious killer who loved no one, not even the other elephants he lived with on the Barnes show.

I do not know if you know it but Mrs. Donahoe was not the first person Diamond killed. Three years before he killed Mrs. Donahoe in Corsicana, Texas, he killed one of his keepers, a kindly old man by the name of Ben Sweet. This happened in Oil Town (Texas) on Jan. 1, 1926, while they were with the Atterbury show.

Also, although I did not mention it in either Ele-

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## PEOPLE

BILLY MARTIN visited with veteran showman J. M. COLE after finishing the season's tour with the Great American Circus. The two also visited the All Star Int'l Circus at Leesburg, Fla.

DAVID HAMMARSTROM reports his upcoming book about the circus will be titled "Behind The Big Top" and the projected publication date has been set for May 1979.

LINDA CHANDLER recently returned from a 3½ week tour of Europe, where she visited Circus Nock in Switzerland, and Cirque Grusse and Cirque de Hiver Bouglione in Paris.

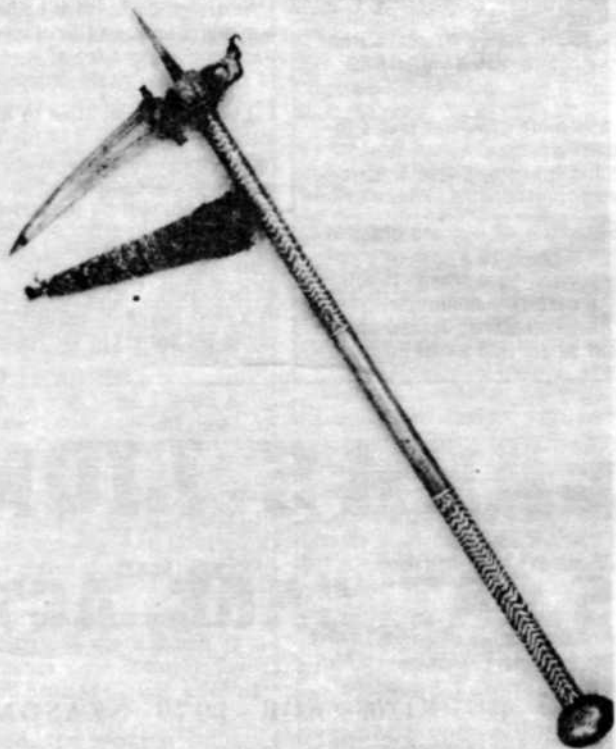
BOB LANG and Family, BILLY MARTIN, PHIL and LINDA CHANDLER and the OSCAR MACIAS Family have been signed to tour with the James M. Cole Circus for its 1979 tour.

phant Tramp or I Loved Rogues, Diamond attempted to kill Jack O. Grady by throwing him halfway across the Barnes show menagerie. This happened just a few weeks before he killed Mrs. Donahoe. I witnessed this incident as well as the killing of Mrs. Donahoe. Diamond intended to kill both Curley and Mrs. Donahoe.

Bill Woodcock, Sr., if he were still around, would verify what I say about Diamond being an incorrigible killer, who loved no one. Perhaps you also do not know Bill Woodcock, Sr., handled Diamond longer than Curley Pricket, as did old Ben Sweet.

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by  
DON MARCKS

Problems, problems and more problems seems to be the general trend these days and everyone suffers with them. One thing for sure, Circus Report has its share of problems too.

After many glowing promises of fast and efficient service the folks who were going to so expertly address Circus Report each week have failed. They've been unable to meet the necessary requirements and at the same time have completely fouled up the mailing list, to the point where it is a real mess.

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It will take some time to make up new plates for the other system and in the meantime there is the task of keeping CR on schedule, plus trying to get some work accomplished for the upcoming Holiday issue, which will be the last one this year.

We would appreciate it if you will double check your mailing address on this issue and the next one or two coming up. If there are any errors just drop us a card telling us about them and we'll see that things are corrected for the start of the coming year.

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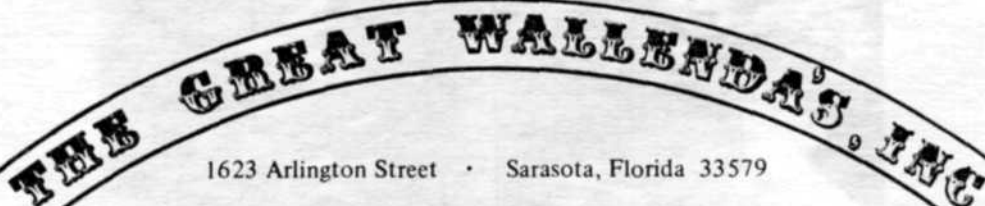
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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to take this opportunity to correct an erroneous news report that was circulated recently stating that my grandson, Tino Zoppe, has formed a Wallenda Circus and troupe.

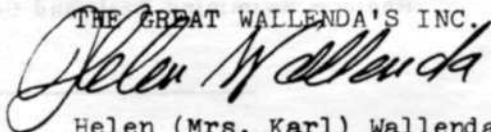
There is only one GREAT WALLENDAS TROUPE. This troupe can only be booked through our corporation, THE GREAT WALLENDAS, INC. and stars my granddaughter, Rietta Wallenda; Farrell Hettig; Phillip Gikas and my grandson, Ricky. THE WALLENDAS CIRCUS is also booked through our corporation.

Contrary to the article, both the troupe and our circus have been very busy with bookings since my husband's death last March and we are already committed to our Shrine sponsors for 1979.

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## SPECIAL

by M. L. DUPONT

In a special report to this writer, Gopher Davenport, owner and manager of the Jungle Wonders Circus made the following remarks for release.

The 1978 season has been good as a whole, and the trip to Alaska and back proved to be a profitable one.

The show, at the time of this statement, was in Texas and was scheduled to close on Dec. 5th, somewhere in the Houston area, and would go into winter quarters. The circus opened its 1978 tour in Arizona, proceeded westward into Nevada, Utah, Oregon and Washington before crossing the Canadian border and going to Alaska. They returned to the States in the early fall after a tour of several Canadian provinces. (At one time there were 5 tent circuses within easy driving distance of each other).

"We shall change our format in 1979," stated Davenport. "We shall change the show to the popular European concept of one ring. We will travel on 14 show owned tractor and trailers, plus the private vehicles of the people who join us in 1979. The tent will be a 100 ft. round with a 50 ft. middle." Plans are already in the making for 1979 and

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## The Circus

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Performers signed thus far for the shows include: Pat Anthony, lions and tigers; the Coronas, Gyro-wheels; Oscar Cristiani's elephants; the Coronas twin motorcycles; Gimse's Russian Wolfhounds; Satani Demon, and the Coronas Cannon. Other performers for the 2½ hour show are being negotiated with.

B. K. Silverlake is out front lining up dates for the coming year.

The show will be very attractive and will continue to feature the free petting zoo and menagerie used in '78, but with an added feature. A rhino will be on display in a steel arena out on the midway for no charge.

The show will use 99% phones out ahead and will go to the 2 and 3 day stand operation, as other circuses have done. They will, however, play some one day stands.

The Jungle Wonders Circus will feature a male lion riding a male African elephant in its performance. They will carry 8 elephants.

The circus is now negotiating to get the services of a well known clown who will handle clowning on the show and take over the side show.

A new light plant has been purchased for the coming year and officials named for the '79 tour include: Bill Swain, agent; Ken Tegals, manager; Jack Gobble transportation and Terry Finny, elephant supt. The show plans to carry a three piece band and will soon be naming other personnel signed for the season, which is set to get underway about March 1st.

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## SAWDUST TRAIL

by M. L. DUPONT

This reporter has been informed by a member of the Silverlake family that the Fisher Bros. Circus is to go out in '79 under the direction of Mel and B. K. Silverlake. The show was out for a short time in '78 and for a full season in '77, managed by John Frazier. Further details will be published when more complete plans are disclosed. This reporter has always been a fan of Fisher Bros. and it's nice to see the title come out again.

Bobby Gibbs has an ardent supporter in Roland Gibbs, who has a fine write-up in the current issue of White Tops about Carson & Barnes No. 2 unit. I am inclined to agree with Roland that Bobby is a fine showman and performer. Word has it that Bobby will be with Carden-Johnson Circus next year.

Thanksgiving week found Tommy Hanneford's circus at the City Auditorium in New Orleans, with a strong line-up of acts. Herbie Weber, wire act, was one of the feature numbers, as was Struppi with her cats and the coming star Nellie.

Mrs. Louise Allen, wife of deceased CFA'r Earl Allen (Oct. 28, '78) reports that many fans sent memorials to both the CFA and his church in Sikeston (Mo) and she would like to gratefully acknowledge these gifts from all his friends.

All Duffield, Sec.-Treas. of CFA writes that over 40 CFA members from all parts of the U.S. will be departing in Dec. for the Monte Carlo Circus in Europe. We hope some one will provide us with a report about the trip.

Jim Silverlake, at Alexandria, La. with the Griffen Santa Sled the week prior to and part of Thanksgiving, was at the MacArthur Shopping Center. He was going to take the unit to a date in Camden, Ark., from here. Jim was the manager on Hoxie's Great

## Miscellaneous

Trotter Bros. Productions, of Wichita, Kansas, are producing over 24 different shows next summer for 7 different amusement parks throughout the U. S. and Canada. They are in need of good circus acts (good salary paid), puppeteers, dancers and magicians (Send photo and history to: 111 West Blake, Wichita, Kans. 67213).

A new CFA Tent has been chartered in Toledo, Ohio. The Albert and Jeanette Rix Tent No. 132, will be raised in early May 1979.

American Circus this past season and he hopes to be back there in '79.

A recent AP release stated the Wallenda's were coming back again after the death of Karl. The article left the impression the troupe had not performed since that time. This reporter saw them in Natchez in August where Helen Wallenda was introduced to the crowd and where the act performed.

December will see a number of circus events in Europe. The World Championships in London, Billy Smart's Christmas Circus and the Monte Carlo Circus. Fans who follow the European shows will be sorry to learn that Jean Richard has closed his two tent shows which tour France. Visitors to Paris almost always could see one of his shows playing somewhere nearby under canvas.

What I'd like to see is a book of Ray Dirgo circus cartoons - a packet offered at the end of the season by the traveling circuses, as was done in the past. If not then it makes it increasingly difficult to review circuses on the part of historians. Even acts and performers could offer photos of their acts for a small fee - most fans are collectors and would surely grab them up.

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## PEOPLE

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**CLARK McDERMOTT** and the 'Cold Nose Five' are working Christmas dates in the Pacific Northwest for the Phil Downing Agency.

**ANGELA WILNOW** and her Collies are playing several Christmas dates in the Chicago area for the Howard Schultz Agency and will also be playing dates for the Royal Danish Circus.

**LAURA BOAS, LIZ BOAS, MIKE COLE** and

## REPORT

### CHRISTMAS SHOW

by Allen Babcock

The annual Employees Christmas Party, presented by the Caterpillar Tractor Co. was held at the Mc Arthur High School here in Decatur, Ill. on Dec. 10th.

Performers featured in the show were: Joyce Rice, baton and rope spinning; Bud and Edna Jeffreys, trapeze and dance; Johnny Matson, comedy and music; and Willie Neckers, trained dogs.

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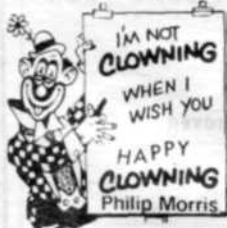
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The 1978 edition of "Magic Holiday Fantasy" had capacity crowds for its opening performance at Inez, Ky. on Nov. 12th. The show, which tours for four weeks, is produced annually by Ron and Willene Bacon, of Belpre, Ohio. Next year it is expected that the show will tour for eight weeks.

The program runs 90 minutes with an intermission and after an overture by the band, directed by David Miller, the show features: Paulette's Peerless Puppies; Mingo, gorilla parody; the Bobbie-Jane Duo, juggling; Chandler's Disco Ducks and Magical Fantasy; 'Chimp Talk' with Su-Su, the Hollywood Chimpanzee; the Lang Family, acrobats, tramp/tumbling; Intermission; Color Book and souvenir sales; Aerial Ballet featuring Victoria, Linda and Jane; Billy Martin, rola-bola/juggling; Irv Lang's Jungleground Comics; Balloon sales; Las Vegas Mystical Magic Revue with Chandler & Co; followed by the Finale with flags of all nations and all performers.

The show's staff includes: Producers/Directors, Ron and Willene Bacon; Staged and Choreographed by Mark Hendieshell; Road and Company manager, Bob Lang; Concessions and Pie Car, Jane Lang; Announcer/Performance director, Phil Chandler; Vocalist, Billy Martin; Wardrobe, Linda Barr; Musical Director/Arranger, David Miller; Lights/Electrician, Allan Ravine; Asst. Electrician/24 hour man, Bob Gardiner; Supt., Clarence Phelps.

Special effects for the "Magic Holiday Fantasy '78" show were provided by Abbott Magic Co., of Colon, Mich. Tour arrangements were handled by J & E Productions, of Belpre, Ohio.

**SPECIAL**

Allan C. Hill Productions is currently touring the Pan American Magic Show title in western Penna, New York and New Jersey for 22 show dates. Tom Ogden, a native Pennsylvanian, is the Master Magician with magic and illusions. Supporting his routines are Harry and John Dubsy and families, with Mike Morgan at the organ providing music for the show.

Allan's father, Wm. F. Hill, Sr. and Allan's brother Ted Hill, are touring the Pan American Magic Show title for 19 show dates in eastern Penna., Josef W. Smiley and Co. from Lewistown, provides the magic and illusions on this unit. Supporting the Smiley team is Walter and Mildred Stimax using their chimp, clown routine and juggling. Backing up this show is Lee Maloney at the organ.

Jim Raab, General Agent, reports all dates are sponsored and that Allan C. Hill Productions, Inc., is already proceeding with bookings for Hoxie's Great American Circus into 75 towns in Pennsylvania for the 1979 tour as per arrangement with Hoxie Tucker.

**IN MEMORIAM**

MARION S. HACKNEY (44) the girl who rode the famous high diving horse at Atlantic City (NJ) for 13 years died on Nov. 1st after a long illness. At one time she was an assistant for Blackstone the Magician and had appeared with several water ballet shows. Survivors include her parents and two sisters.

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## Show Date

The Three Rivers International Circus at Pittsburgh, Pa. (Nov. 16-19) was produced by John and Eugene Connelly in collaboration with George A. Hamid, Jr.

The program featured: Ruth Sebestyn, sponge dive; Tarzen Zerbini, wild animals; Donna Bannester, slide for life; Aerial display with Miss Tina, the Dolly Sisters, The Burketts and Ruth Sebestyn; Clowns with At the Bakery; wire display with Los Latinos, the Rianos Duo, Eugene and Aurelia Nock; the Lenz Chimps; the Cycling Navarros; The Vickinas; Little John; The Great Wallendas, high wire; Los Mayans and Intermission.

The Flying Carrolls, trapeze; Ron Perry, juggling; Alphonso & Lydia, knockabout comedy; Sebestyn and his Poodles; perch display with The Aguillars, The Knopps and Los Argentinos; Anderson's Liberty Horses; elephant display with the Carden-Johnson elephants, Cuneo elephants.

The show's ringmaster was Ernie McLean; musical director was Al Youngman; circus director was Bob Atterbury, while Clown Alley consisted of Jimmy Douglass and Joe Sherman, producing clowns.

The Big Apple Circus will be presenting performances at Cincinnati's Playhouse (Ohio) Dec. 12 thru 31st. Some 14 acts are to be included on the show program.

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by Allen Babcock

The Stebbing family brought their Polack Bros. Circus to Springfield, Ill., for 7 performances (Nov. 17-19) where they had good crowds for each show. It was a fine performance and one that was enjoyed by everyone.

The program consisted of: Patches (Gary Ray) and Checkers (Steve Baker) in the warm-up; John Stebbing, cat act; Patches & Checkers, newspaper gag; the Verdus Sisters, acrobatics; Gladys and Carol, contortionists; Robert and Holly Stebbing with the elephant "Baby Lou"; Cucciolo, comedy trapeze; an Aerial Ballet featuring Carol Stebbing, plus the Verdus Sisters and Denise Pittenger; Karl Linare's Poodles; the Great Vashek, wire act; Scotts Unrideable Mule, followed by intermission.

In the second half were: The Flying Espanas, trapeze; Checkers & Patches, championship fight; Scott's Football Dogs; the Verdus Sisters, rolling globes; Patches & Checkers with the strongest animal in the world; John and Carol Stebbing, elephants; Vashek and Kathy, high wire.

The show's staff included: Francis and Liban Stebbing, executive producers; John Stebbing, equestrian director; Mike Pike, musical director; Kent Clayton, ringmaster; Harry Mills, concessions, with John and Laura Walker working the popcorn and snow cones.

Visitors at the circus were Norman Schuler, V. H. Richardson, Mike and Marilyn Sorrell and Bill Backstein.

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## PEOPLE

**DON YOUNG**, clown, is working Christmas dates in the Portland, Oregon, area, which were booked by the Big John Strong Int'l Circus.

**THE CAVARETTAS**, flying act, goes to the South Pacific this month to play dates in New Zealand and in Manila.

**CAROL BUCKLEY** and **JAY CHENEY** were married in Anaheim, Calif., on Dec. 2nd. After a honeymoon in Tahiti they will continue to exhibit 'Baby Tarra.'

**THE HALFWITS**, comedy acrobats, are playing at the London Palladium for the winter season.

**COOKIE ARTURO**, aerialist who has been living in Australia, was married to **CHRISTINE EDGLEY** daughter of the famed Australian promoter.

### In Memoriam

**HAZEL McCRRARY** (78) a former vaudeville and circus performer and operator of concessions with carnivals, died at Lincoln, Ill. on Aug. 15th. Survivors include a daughter and several grandchildren.

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