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April 12, 1976

Number 15

It's Strange

While the U.S. works toward a "protective" attitude about animals and puts bans on the importation of foreign animals, the rest of the world continues its "we could care less" position. Even in this country when someone is charged with violation of recent regulations they are freed on their promise not to repeat the offense.

The lack of concern about the future of wildlife on the part of foreign nations is tra-

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Sam T. Polack

The Sam T. Polack Circus opened its tour at Phoenix (Ariz) on March 28th and made a splashy debut. The show then moved to Denver and will play Little Rock, Columbia (SC) and Toledo. Two mid-western dates will close the tour in June.

Acts appearing on the dates include: La Louisa's Doves, Bill Brickle's Poodle Fantasy, The Elkins Sisters, The Jordanas, Geronimo, Baron Von Uhl, the Flying Rauls, the Obandos, the Villams,

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PEOPLE

FRANK and BERNICE DEAN visited the John Strong Circus at Lancaster (Calif.) and report big crowds attended each show. They have all new props for their upcoming tour on the Happytime Circus.

THE FLYING SOULS, America's only black aerialists, were featured on Los Angeles TV the night of April 1st.

RONNIE MERRIOTT, of Rockford, Ill., will defend his tramp olone title in Oklahoma this July after which he plans to go pro.

Rumor Report

Rumors currently circulating on the West Coast indicate a big "spectacular" Bi-centennial program has been scheduled for Southern California, later this year. The event will reportedly take place at the Los Angeles (Calif.) Sports Arena.

According to the unconfirmed reports, a circus, probably Carden-Johnson, will be included in the celebration feature. Semi-retired showman Gil Gray, who annually produces the Dallas State Fair Circus, will be executive director of the event. Showman Parley Baer will be is assistant.

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In Memoriam

NICHOLAS R. ALTROTH, former circus musician. He played trumpet in the band of the Barnett Br. Circus. Death occurred at St. Petersburg, Fla. on Jan. 30th.

WILLIAM RAY SMITH (known as Talla Jensen to circus folks) died at San Francisco, Calif. on March 29th. He had toured with Rudy Bros., Circus Vargas, Smiths Wonder Shows, Kaye's Cont'l, the Hill Shows and others. Survivors include his mother Mary Elizabeth Norman, of Michiagn and a brother Ernest Smith. Memorial services were held in San Francisco Apr. 1

Many Thanks

Another successful annual get-together of the Roland G. Butler Tent No. 102 (CFA) Phoenix, Arizona was held in conjunction with the recent El Zaribah Shrine Circus in this city, produced by Sam T. Polack. The hospitality shown the fans in a backyard session was very enjoyable.

..... Carl Helbing

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SAWDUST TRAIL

Earl Allen, longtime CFA'r, is recuperating at home after surgery. He hopes to answer all his mail eventually.

The juggling team of Gus & Ursula are with the Stebbing Circus, which will make the CFA convention date.

A deluge of tent and indoor circuses has hit South Louisiana with phone rooms operating in over half the state. Shows in the state include King Bros., Fisher Bros., Mid-America, Polack and Clyde Bros. with more coming.

The suit against a circus owner/performer filed by a circus fan has been won by the fan. This is probably the first time an ardent circus fan has filed a judgment against his hobby based on principle.

Circus Kingdom opened its season at Washington, DC on Apr. 6 and will play as far west as St. Louis - all sponsored dates.

Jack Smith, former agent on the Tommy Hanneford Circus and later associated with the Hanneford Family Circus, recently left the Stebbing Circus for another engagement.

The Stebbing Circus would be willing to consider some benefit shows for Louisiana flood victims and interested persons could contact this reporter at Box 6131, Monroe, La.

..... M. L. Dupont

SAM T. POLACK (Continued)

Bobby Gibbs, the Apollos, Prince Najvez, the Kelroys, DeMille, the Jerichos, Eddie and Eddie, Jimmy Douglas, with clowns Jim Gourley, David Chabira, John Benaka, Vernon Woerner and Michael Markling.

The show staff included:
 Sam T. Polack - producer
 Al Vernon - musical director
 Jim Douglass - ringmaster/announcer
 Ivy Kelroy - wardrobe
 Ron Kelroy - lighting director
 Vernon Woerner - spec supt.

PEOPLE

LEE LLOYD and wife, of Ft. Worth, Texas, are "house parents" for 15 teenage boys. They hope to attend the CFA convention at Dallas this year.

BILL KORMPATES, high act, worked an April 13-18 Bi-centennial program in Florida at Treasure Island.

TED STEWART (Los Comancheros) reportedly pulled a ligament in his shoulder and TOBY REED is filling in for him.

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An advertisement in a recent issue of the Wallstreet Journal (Mar. 25) provides some additional follow-up news to the Hanneford Circus cancellation of its date at Commack, L.I. (See CR for Mar. 29, 1976 - Page 14).

According to the WJ ad, the 6500 seat Sports Arena at Commack is for sale. The price, which includes 22 acres of land, has been set at \$400,000 cash, with constant payments of 8.5% annually. The sale includes all equipment and immediate possession.

Interested parties are urged to phone Ben Kasper at (516) 724-2244.

HOSPITALIZED

Rosa Gibbs is quite ill and has been hospitalized at Baraboo. Cards and letters will reach her by writing: Rosa Gibbs, St. Clair Hospital, Baraboo, Wisc. 53913.

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School Show

Oak View Elementary School in Fairfax, Va., held its 8th annual Physical Education Show on Mar. 28th at nearby Robinson Secondary School fieldhouse.

The show, which attracted an audience of 4,000 spectators, featured a number of circus acts including: plate spinning, rope twirling, juggling, 7-man bicycle balancing, German gym wheel, limbo, trampoline, stilt-walking, Roman ladders, pyramids and gymnastics. Seven hundred students under the direction of physical education teachers Jim Moyer and Cathy Orendorff, staged the show.

PEOPLE

THE SENSATIONAL LEIGHS will be with the Kaye Cont'l Circus in Terre Haute, Syracuse, Shreveport Jackson, St. Louis and Honolulu. They'll also work several Hubler dates. ALBERT LUCAS, juggler, has been signed to a new three year contract with Ice Capades.

THE MONAHANS are currently working at the Moulin Rouge in Vienna. They recently won top news feature space in European papers for their help provided to a young English acrobat.

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BILLY BARTON....



MY ARRIVAL IN PHOENIX found me inundated with questions concerning the Hanneford Circus. (A)-that Tommy had gone bankrupt and closed, releasing all his people; (B)-that he had lost all his dates. NONE of these rumors are

are true. The major dates are finished until fall and Tommy has taken out a smaller unit that will play until June. In September the Hanneford Circus reopens and will play a string of major Shrine dates that I am not at liberty to announce and, with the exception of Detroit, ALL dates played by the Hanneford Circus in 1976 will be RE-PLAYED in 1977, including Cleveland and Cincinnati.

OUR Bicentennial year will see more circuses - indoor, outdoor and tented, touring North America than at any other time in our Nation's history. Like the American Theatre, the American Circus is, apparently, the Healthy Invalid.

Can A Tight Wire Artist Find A Successful Career After Forty And Even Beyond? Ask anyone who witnessed the intrepid HERBIE WEBER bring down the house with his LOS LATINOS wire act at the Shrine Circus in Cincinnati. Herbie, now in his sixties, has lost none of his zest, his skill or his speed.

BLINKO & MARAN played the Tampa-St. Pete Shrine Dates and will return to the Texas Dates for the umpteenth time this season....Following the Buffalo

date. WALT KING returned to the Detroit area to spruce up his Animaland Park for the Spring opening....EDDY VENTURA makes Little Rock (Ark) Shrine Circus this month for SAM POLACK.

Didyaknow that HOWARD KEEL, King of MGM Musicals for years, is the first cousin to LOIS HOOVER (wife of lion tamer, Dave)?

Seen appearing with the Vienna Ice Show on a Wide World of Sports was GERARD SOULES with his Poodles of Paris....The HERNANDEZ TROUPE and RANDY & SILVIA are now on tour with Royal Hanneford.... TONY FOSSETT will make fair dates for STU McCELLAND.....LARRY RUHL, rumors are, is no longer associated with the HETZER office.

THE APPOLLOS (Phil & Francine) auditioned their new baby elephant at Circus Circus and were kept on - they would have stayed but had prior commitmentsCircus clown MINGO is retired and living in Riverside (Calif.).TOMMY BENTLEY says he plans to sell his Norco (Calif.) home. "I bought the property when I had animals," Tommy reveals. "I am never there and really have no use for it any more."

MARQUEEN SCHLARBAUM's pri-
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REPORT FROM OHIO

.... by DON SANDMAN

The rush of the early circus season here at Cincinnati is over and the anticipated "circus war" never quite came off. From all appearances both the local Shrine Circus and RBBB drew good and neither had to much to worry about in the way of attendance.

Ringling played at the Riverfront Coliseum where a huge 50x150 ft. banner was erected across the front of the building. An unexpected storm ripped the banner pretty bad one day, but it was repaired in time for the show's arrival. Local reports said the banner was valued at \$8,000 and the wind damage amounted to some \$1,000.

The show train can get in rather close to the Coliseum and this means show folks have to go just two short blocks to the building.

The program here featured:-

- Stars and Stripes Salute
- Gebel-Williams - tigers
- Ashton Cortez - head stands
- The Scheibe - aerialists (3)
- The Armon - aerialists (2)
- The Tennas - Russian act
- Barry Lappy - unicycles
- Sigrid Gebel, Wolfgang Holzmaier and Silvana Holzmaier - horses
- La Torria - aerial arm planges
- Miss Anna - poodles (80)
- Rudi Lenz - chimps
- Henry Schroer - camels
- Carillo Bros. - high wire
- Bicentennial Salute to '76
- Intermission --
- Wolfgang Holzmaier - lions
- Gebel Williams - tiger/horse/ele.
- The Aerial Gautiers - motorcycle
- Gebel Williams - elephants

Party Time

Circus performer Wally Naughton was guest of honor at a birthday party, hosted for him by circus owner Cliff Vargas on Feb. 29th. The party, held in a restaurant in Matamoros, Mexico included dinner, dancing and a table serenade.

Besides host Cliff Vargas and Doris Naughton, those enjoying the birthday festivities included: Pam Easley, Frank Pealer, Wally Ross, Bill Biggerstaff, Lacey and Lucy Toth, Bill and Judy Baker, Cimeon and Suzy Martinez, Rodney Myrup, Bob Ford, Otto Komatopolis, Frank and Ruth Clark, Jan Bickmore, Wes Westby, Loni and Fred Van Vorden and Clark and Pegi Craig.

The Jabczynski, The Silagi and The Parvanovi - teeterboard
The Flying Wilastones
The Flying Farfans
Hooray for the USA - Finale

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ROUTES

Beatty-Cole Circus
 April 12 Orangeburg, S.C.
 13 Charleston
 14 Myrtle Beach
 15 Florence
 16 Laurinburg, N.C.
 17 Wilmington
 18 Jacksonville

Carden-Johnson Circus
 Apr 18-25 Springfield, Mo

Hubert Castle Circus
 Apr 15-18 Indianapolis, Ind

Circus Vargas
 Apr 14-20 Downey, Calif.

Clyde Bros. Circus
 Apr 13-15 Minot, N.D.
 17-20 Bismarck

George Matthews Circus
 Apr 13-16 Knoxville, Ky.
 17-18 Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga.

Tommy Hanneford Circus
 Apr. 14 Ocean City, Md.
 15-16 Salisbury, N.J.

Happytime Circus
 Apr 12-17 Sacramento, Cal.

Holiday Hippodrome
 Apr 12 Adrian, Mich.
 13 Ann Arbor
 14 Grand Rapids
 15 Muskegon
 16 Niles
 17 Elkhart, Ind.
 18 Fort Wayne

Kora Shrine Circus
 Apr 16-17 Augusta, Maine

Mid-America Circus
 Apr 12 Gidding, Texas
 13 Sequine
 14 New Braunsfels
 15 San Marcus
 16-17 Austin
 18 Temple

Ringling-Barnum - Blue Unit
 to May 31 New York, N.Y.

Ringling-Barnum - Red Unit
 to Apr 25 Washington, DC

Roberts Bros. Circus
 Apr 12 Mt. Savage, Md.

Royal Wild West Circus
 Apr 16 Vienna, Ga.

Sarasota Sailor Circus
 Apr 15-17 Sarasota, Fla.

Sells & Gray Circus
 Apr 12 Rock Hill, S.C.
 13 Rockingham, N.C.
 16 Cocoa Beach, Fla.
 17 New Smyrna Bch

John Strong Circus
 Apr 12 Turlock, Calif.
 13 Merced
 14 Modesto
 15 Manteca
 16 Sacramento
 17 Oakdale

TNT & Royal Olympic Circus
 Apr 16-21 Bristol, Va.

..... OTHER ROUTES

YEARS AGO

Pittsfield, Mass.
 June 14, 1925

The Sells Floto Circus went through here this morning at 10 a.m., enroute to Boston, in one train of 29 cars (7 horse cars, 14 flat cars, 8 sleepers and 61 wagons).

The cages were all open going through. They are all white with red trim.

June 21, 1925

The Sells Floto Circus went through this morning at 11:30 a.m. jumping from Boston to Amsterdam, N.Y.

At noontime a short unit of extra supplies used at the Boston date went thru going back to Peru, Ind.

June 23, 1925

Ringling Bros. Circus went through here today on its way from Springfield to Albany, N.Y.

What's a calliope?

"Grandpa, what's a calliope?"
 I heard a youngster say
 To a gray-haired old gentleman
 One pleasant summer's day.
 "A calliope," the old man

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Hoxie Bros. Circus
 Apr 12 Jesup, Ga.
 13 Vidalia
 14 Milledgeville
 15 Covington
 16 Eatonton
 17-18 Augusta

Hoxie's Great American Circ/
 Apr. 12 Ashford, Ala.
 13 Hartford
 14 Graceville, Fla
 15 Geneva, Ala.
 16 Clayton
 17 Uniontown

King Bros. Circus
 Apr 12 Greenacres, Fla
 13 Fort Pierce
 14 Sarasota
 15 Bartow

14 Muesto
 15 Manteca
 16 Sacramento
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..... OTHER ROUTES
 American Freedom Train
 Apr 13-15 Little Rock, Ark
 16-21 Memphis, Tenn.
 James H. Drew Shows
 Apr 12-17 Mt. Airy, N.C.
 Royal Lipizzan Show
 to Apr 18 Rio de Janeiro

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"Grandpa, what's a calliope?"
 I heard a youngster say
 To a gray-haired old gentleman
 One pleasant summer's day.
 "A calliope," the old man said,
 A twinkle in his eye,
 "Is a relic of a bygone day—"
 He paused and heaved a sigh.
 "A day when circuses were big
 And toured across the land
 And a calliope, my dear boy,
 Was as important as a band.
 It was a strange, unusual thing,
 On which music could be played
 And you could hear it at the rear
 Of every large circus parade.
 It could be heard for a mile or more.
 Oh, it was a glorious sound,
 Which could leave no one in doubt
 That a circus was in town.
 There was this bunch of whistles, see?
 And they were played by steam.
 The sounds they made I can't describe—
 Sort of a melodious scream.
 Some smaller ones were also made
 That were played by compressed air;
 You often heard them with tent shows
 And sometimes at a fair.
 I'm sorry for you, lad," he said
 "That you'll never hear one play,
 For as I said to you before,
 They're a relic of a bygone day."

Bill Green

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CASTLE SHOW PEOPLE

The program as presented at Portland, Ore., (Mar. 25-28) by the Hubert Castle Circus featured

Joseph Hartman - wild animals
 Clowns - The Mouse Trap
 Sheila Winn - slide for life
 Doris Trio - revolving globes
 Clycling Wizzards - unicycles
 Raija Duo - bicycle balance
 Bucko, the unrideable mule
 Elizabeth - hair hang; Cello - web; Carry - Iron jaw; Wendy web
 Karl's French Poodles
 Marhal Camels and Llamas
 Charmaine's Playmates - dogs/pony
 Clowns -
 The Torreanis - tightwire
 Riano Duo - slack wire
 Clowns - Telephone number
 The Dubickis and Bisbinis - ladder balancing
 Sarazochil - sword balance
 Pinson's circus elephants (5)
 -- Intermission --
 Rodriguez Troupe - horizontal bar
 The Clowns
 Robertos - flex pole
 The Vickinas - risley
 The Lalos - rola bola
 The Orestes - juggling
 The Perrys - juggling
 The Circus Clown Band
 Wilson's pony and dogs
 Miamba's baboons
 Hall's Jungle Wonders
 Los Galambos - aerial bars
 The Tabaks - revolving perch
 The Aguilaris - perch pole

THE BARRY MILLER FAMILY joins the Voorheis Bros. Circus this week for a tour in Michigan.

BARBARA TAGGART visited PAUL and JUDY KAYE during the Kaye Cont'l engagement in Chicago

BOBBY KAYE is at home after a stay in the hospital, but his condition continues to be serious. An around the clock nurse keeps an active watch on him.

FAY ALEXANDER's father still operates his barber shop on Fairfax Ave. in Los Angeles (Calif.)

EMMETT KELLY, Sr. will work a three week stint at the Nugget Casino (Sparks, Nev.) starting on July 6th. He'll share billing with comedian RED SKELTON.

IRVIN FELD, RBBB chief, was the keynote speaker at ground breaking ceremonies for the Civic Center at Huntington, W. Va. on March 29th.

TINY PHILLIPS (CFA) visited the Int'l All Star Circus at Morristown, N.J. and even worked in the pop corn concession dept.

The Martinez - perch pole
 Amazing Winns - aerial motorcycle
 Finale - Salute to the USA

Staff listed in the program includes:

Al Dawley - ringmaster
 C. E. Clement - bandleader
 Pablo Martinez - prop boss
 Merle Gilbert - electrician
 Gene Randow - producing clown

..... Mike Sporrer

Shrine Circus

Polack Bros. Circus played two Ohio dates last month - Akron (Mar. 19-21) where business was down from last year, and Canton (Mar. 26-28) where attendance was up over that of last year.

The program, which seems a bit thin this season, ran 1 hour and 45 minutes, including the intermission. Promotion for both cities was handled by Henry Barrett, while Robert Mitchell, formerly on Beatty-Cole and Hoxie was the announcer.

The program included:

Clown warm-up - Walter Stimax,
Mildred Hall, Gary Ellis and
Josh Silver

Albert & Jeanette Rix - bears
Clowns - Baking a cake
Young Duo and Teddy Duo - cradle
Cimse's Wolfhounds & Pomeranians
Jack & Sandy Fulbright - horses
Clown number

Aerial Ballet - five girls, featuring
Francesca Hinds

Jorge's Unpredictable Car
Ben DeWayne and Francesca - bulls
-- Intermission --

Sandy Fulbright - ponies (6)

The Clowns

Willy Lenz - chimps


Rosell Troupe - high wire

Finale - Bicentennial theme

.... Tom Morrisson


Carson & Barnes Circus played Austin (Texas) Mar. 27-28, and Circus Vargas played the same city on March 26-28.

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IT'S STRANGE (Continued)

gic. Conservation efforts have no chance against the dire needs of humans and the ever-reaching hands of "progress."

In India no one cares. Animals are killed for sport on a regular basis. In Africa cubs are killed for rugs and natives kill for the money they'll get from buyers. Ivory brings them \$30 a pound and a big tusker can be worth up to \$6,000.

The president of Kenya is the leader of a huge poaching ring and every official in the Wildlife and Park Dept. is involved in poaching. Recently the Kenya government closed its doors to trophy hunters and as a result won an Int'l Safari Club award. Shortly afterwards some 80 Americans were invited in to kill 2000 animals - consisting of elephants lions, rhinos, leopards and giraffees.

In South America wildlife is being seen less and less. Once their "Trans-Amazonian" highway is completed new areas will be opened to hunters and thus provide further destruction of that country's wildlife.

Once the world's wildlife is destroyed can it be long before man destroys himself?

PEOPLE

SMOKEY JONES' reports his three boys - Jay, Keith and Ken - are working with the Wallace & Rogers Circus.

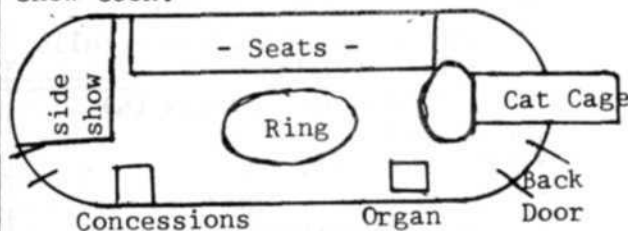
Visit To....

Coming across Texas I had a chance to visit the Gatti show and saw Mina Moon, Ken Willer and Joe Lempke. They played Monahans on Mar. 23 and did rather well.

Also caught Fisher Bros. who have a good program that includes a spec of some 20 people and several displays of animals and acts. Their big top is an 80 with three 40s, while the side show is a 50 with three 20s. The side show includes 8 lions, tiger, bears, monkeys and other animals.

Then at Hillsboro I caught Franzen Bros. Circus whose program includes lions, clown juggler, pickout pony, web, goats, llama, magic, horse, clown with balloon, swinging ladder, plate spinning, and a young elephant.

During intermission they exhibited a big snake and offered rides on an elephant and a pig. The clown also plays trumpet and the organist is the announcer and show cook.



Franzen Bros. is laid-out in this manner.

.... Bob Emrico

GARY JOHNSON will be working three male elephants on Circus Galaxy this season.

BILLY BARTON (Continued)

vate school, the Key Academy, offers a full academic program from 7 to 12 Grades. Marqueen formed the school in 1972 and says: "It is a non-profit activity for me." Well, what isn't this day and age - Marqueen?

JOHNNY ZOPPE, Jr., has outfitted his new Space Odyssey Aerial act with many spectacular gimmicks, but his newest idea, still under wraps and in the planning stage, will be a lollapooza. I can't wait till he lets me announce it!

Promoter JACK SMITH is now in advance for Royal Hanneford. Previously he was with Carson & Barnes and Stebbing's European... ..Detroit TV Clown Oopsy (BOB McNEA) will be doing original cartoons for CR....His daughter, Cathy, is an accomplished pianist....Russian aerial star MARINA RADULESCU serves only Turkish coffee. It's great once you get past the grounds.

CHARLES BERTINI, new Beatty Cole bandleader, was assistant to

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3 Arabian geldings; liberty act; matched dapple greys - recently came off the road.

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and protege of CHARLES SCHLARBAUM for a number of years....DAVID ZOPPE Family spot-dated Dayton and Columbus for Castle....ANITA KEPPO tossed a dressing room fare well party for sister Iris who left to join Europorama...The comedy car act listed in the Garden Bros. Circus line-up is MERLE COOK who toured for years with DISNEY ON PARADE.

ADDING INSULT TO INJURY: TAJANA, after being pulled from the elephant by a nervous panther TWICE in one day, had to drive a diesel semi to Buffalo. Our new generation of performers could find a lesson in that (Hardly able to walk or move her right hand she never missed a show!). Nowadays the least little pain prevents many performers from working. My mother used to say to me: "Come to me with your leg in your hand and I'll feel sorry for you."

The circus tent, to be used at Lion Country Safari in L. A., was bought from Mrs. Holter. Is it the red and white big top first bought by RUDY JACOBI, then sold back to Mrs. Holter and finally resold to Lion Country?

Rumors are that Tom and Pom Pom Donoho are working concessions with Stebbing's European... ..The JORDANS, PHIL & FRANCINE stopped in San Antonio to visit MAC & PEGGY MacDONALD, report they are looking great!...Johnny and Patsy are proudly showing off their custom built Winnebago that
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BILLY BARTON (Continued)

I wrote about last month. We're all waiting for the bar to open.

CARLA WALLEDA won the lawsuit - litigation involving Chico tragic fall in Wheeling, W.Va.... Business for the EMMETT KELLY circus, which started very slow, finally picked up. Those rumors that the Puerto Rico run would be cut short are rendered invalid... ..Due to ERIC ADAMS being hospitalized BILL BRICKLES Poodles and MURILLO's Dove Act were brought into Phoenix to substitute...THE FLYING RAULS, a new flying act, also made the Phoenix date.

SAM POLACK's wife, Genevieve, stricken with flu was unable to make Phoenix-Denver but will be on the show when it plays in Little Rock...THE JORDANS will make dates for Carden-Johnson after Denver....Dame KATE HANNEFORI asked me to tell people that she is well and high-spirited. "If you don't," she said, "they'll think I died."

Speaking of people being ill, BOBBY GIBBS checked wife ROSA into a Baraboo hospital following the Cincy run. After stabling his animals at Circus World Muse-

WANT Material and photos of Tom Mix and his life in films, with wild west shows and the circus.

PARNELL BRENNAN

Box 642

Hammond, Ind. - 46320

Lipizzan Sale

A group of Lipizzans - a stallion, 4 mares (3 in foal), 7 colts and 2 Filly foals, have been placed on the sale block in Canada. Announcement of the pending sale was made in the Corinthian-Canada Trade Paper.

It is believed the animals are owned by Ian and Marcia Munho, of Windrush Farms (Stouffville, Ont.). If so, these animals have been broken for carriage work, dressage and jumping.

Interested parties, the ad states, should call: (416) 226-0877.

... Gordon Brown

Show Acts

Acts featured on the Los Angeles (Calif.) Sportsmen's Show on April 3-11 included:-

White Cloud Indians - knife throw
Steve McPeak - high wire
Urias Troupe - Globe of Death

um he flew to Texas to pick up a five-act for Phoenix.

CIRCUS FACTS and FANCY: There was a "curse" on all those hangman acts. The GREAT PETERS and the GREAT BRUFFY both died by the knot. The only man to escape this fate was the GREAT GREGORESKO who died of complications from a beating by goons with a rodeo promoter. He must have broken the "curse" because the few who have done the act since have "lived to tell the tale."

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PEOPLE

PAUL KAYE reports he has signed to produce the annual 4th of July Circus at Pasadena's Rose Bowl for this year.

SYLVIA HERNANDEZ fell some 23 feet from a perch pole while performing with the Hanneford Circus on Long Island last week, and while bruised she was not injured.

PARNELL BRENNAN has been busy doing interviews for Chicago area newspapers. As a result he missed the recent Shrine Circus in that city.

GENE MORELAND's miniature

circus has been getting nationwide publicity via AP Wirephoto.

GORDON M. CARVER is working on a history of the early Sparks Circus for Circus historians.

JIMMY CAPPE, performer at the Moulin Rouge in Vienna, closes this month and will return to his home at Sausalito, Calif.

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Chapter Four
"The Triple"The Story of
FAY ALEXANDER
by
Billy Barton

"I ALWAYS hated the idea of Fay doing the triple," Rosie remarks, "I don't know why. I wasn't prejudiced. God knows, I couldn't do anything!"

"It was in my blood," declares Fay. "Nobody had done a triple since 1937."

"And he revived it," Rosie smiles. "But Art hated the idea as much as I did. He didn't want to see Fay louse up his shoulders. Triples do that, you know....can destroy your shoulders!"

"Your mouth was a far worse danger!"

"Now honey!"

"Well, it was ... you made me more nervous than the damn trick."

"It was the tension," explains Rosie. "And all those people with their pools - makin' money on you! It made me sore!"

BUT In 1949, Fay's first season with Ringling, the famed triple was still waiting in the wings.

"I worked in an end ring," says Fay. "Dick Anderson was my catcher and Jeannie Sleeter and Ski Otaris were on the pedestal board with me."

In 1950 the Ringling quarters, then based in Sarasota, was abuzz with the arrival of Cecil B. De Mille and his Paramount production

crew - there to film THE GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH. Art Concello had set Fay to double the flying sequences for Cornel Wilde.

During the filming, Dick Anderson left. Fay requested Bill Snyder, his first catcher, as a replacement. Bill was brought on the show.

"He doubled scenes for Wilde, too," reveals Fay.

Rosie Alexander tells an amusing story that occurred during the filming of THE GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH:

The crew is standing around, ready to shoot the sequence where Cornel Wilde misses and plunges to the ground in one of the more suspenseful moments of the picture. A seven foot hole had been excavated the night before, the net spread over it, sawdust scattered on top. Fay is preparing for the first run-through.

"Let me do it, Fay," calls Art Concello, climbing the ladder in his street clothes, cigar in mouth. He swings out, does a one-and-
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and
JAMES STEWART

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Ringling Bros. Barnum & Bailey Circus



a-half into the net and is stunned by the water that whooshes up to cascade over him. When the water subsides Art is sitting in the net a confused look on his face, the cigar smashed against his cheek.

Someone had forgotten that when a hole is dug in Florida's sandy soil, and left overnight, it quickly fills with water!

BY 1950 THE feeling for the triple grows stronger in Fay and he begins by doing them to the net Art Concello is dead-set against the trick. "Besides," says Fay, "he would never let us practice. The nets never went up between shows. Whatever I wanted to try, Bill and I would talk out and we'd go after it during the show. Art wanted everything "out" of the net - so he wasn't too happy about that!"

Business called Art away from the circus for two weeks. Tuffy Genders stepped in to keep his eye on the flying acts. "You could get around Tuffy," Fay says. "He looked the other way."

On a matinee, in an end ring, with no fan-fare or advance warning Fay took the high rise, left the board and did a perfect triple into Bill Snyder's waiting hands.

"It was a moment of great satisfaction for those of us on the rigging," Fay remembers. "Hardly anybody else even noticed I did it!"

A few did, however, and when Art returned the triple was stopped.

"Either you cut it out, Fay - or godamnit, I'll ground you!"

AT WINTER QUARTERS in 1952 Fay got a new catcher. Jimmy Crocker, who had caught for Antoinette Concello. "We practiced the triple that winter with a mechanic."

Again, Art found out and put a stop to it.

THE NEW EDITION opened at the old Madison Square Garden in New York and Fay Alexander is moved to the center ring.

"Now ... no funny business, Fay," Art warned on opening night. Meekly, Fay complied and the troupe made their entrance in a barrage of spotlights.

In the middle of the act, Fay glanced across to Jimmy Crocker. The two men nodded a silent agreement. Fay took the high rise, swung high above the connection wires, turned three revolutions and dropped neatly and effortlessly into Jimmy's hands.

"Ladies and Gentlemen," cried an excited announcer, "you have just seen the triple somersault performed by the greatest new flyer in the world - FAY ALEXANDER!" The announcer's voice was already submerged by the thunderous ovation from a New York first-night audience.

And there was nothing Art Concello could do now but chomp on his cigar!

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Chapter Five

THE FALL

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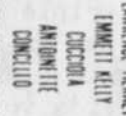
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