



5th Year

July 12, 1976

Number 28

An Ok Show

Attendance for the recent Rudy Bros. Circus, at Cincinnati, Ohio (July 1-4) certainly proved that a Phone Room can sell the show. There was no advertising for this Firemen's sponsored circus and only one hand-lettered sign was seen at the fairgrounds site, yet the people were there.

The circus was set-up on the Trotting Track, just in front of the grandstand, an ideal spot for photographers. The program ran just over two hours and featured some great circus and vaude-type acts. Some of the acts obviously looked better at the night shows when they could take advantage of

special lighting effects and even fireworks.

Music for the circus was provided by Florine Oler at the organ and Tim Tegge on drums. The announcements were handled by Mario Alberti, while Clown Alley consisted of Raz-Bo Bennett and

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In a telephone interview E. J. McDaniels, producer of Showtime USA, which folded in its first week, reported the show is going to be reopened in September. When Showtime USA reopens it will play arenas, ball parks and stadiums where seating and facilities already exist.

Despite reports to the contrary, Showtime USA was a good show, with good equipment and excellent acts, says McDaniels. "My error was in hiring certain management to run the front office and the fact my money people pulled out before we could get off and running."

According to McDaniels the show folded when he was unable to be on hand personally, and the failure of his people to take hold. The talent and performers were excellent and tried, he added, to hold the show together, but couldn't do it without help from the front office. Another mistake, McDaniels said, was that

..... by M. L. DUPONT

some of my people were renting worn-out Hertz trucks.

McDaniels has recovered all of the show property and has some \$147,000 worth of equipment on hand. There are only two outstanding bills, he said (\$16,000 and \$28,000) which will be paid off through the sale of some of the show equipment.

As a means of protection McDaniels had three different corporations for the show. "This time I had things set up legally and straight and some lawsuits for breach of contracts and agreements may be filed against several parties that caused Showtime USA to fold and for all the bad publicity."

When asked about his son who was hurt at Rosenberg (Texas) E. J. replied, "It was fortunate that Harry wasn't seriously injured."

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ROUTES

Beatty-Cole Circus

July 12 Poughkeepsie, N.Y.
13 Newton, Conn.
14 Mystic

Carson & Barnes Circus

July 12 Bedford, Ind.
13 Washington
14 Mt. Carmel, Ill.
15 Fairfield
16 Salem
17 Cahokia

Circus City Festival

July 16-17 Peru, Ind.

Circus Kirk

July 12 Hudson, Mass.
13 Waltham
14 Braintree
16 Marblehead
18 Wakefield

Circus Vargas

to July 15 Toronto, Ont.

DuBois Circus World

July 14-18 Cowonsbilsy, Queb,

Famous Hunt Circus

July 12 Amherst, Mass.
13 Athol
14 Winchendon
15 Gardener
16 Leominster
17 Clinton
18 Marlboro

George-Matthews Circus

July 20-21 Monroe, La.

Happytime Circus

July 12-24 Santa Rosa, Ca.

Hoxie Bros. Circus

July 12 Lancaster, Pa.
13 Elizabethtown
14 Ephrata
15 Mechanicsburg
16 Pottsville
17 Ashland
18 Freeland

Hoxie's Great American Cir.

July 12 Selma, Ind.
13 Hagerstown
14 Fortville
15 Sheridan
16 Delphi
17 Huntington

Lewis Bros. Circus

July 12 Coeburn, Va.
13 St. Paul

Pickle Family Circus

July 16-18 Ft. Bragg, Cal.

Polack Bros. Circus

July 17 Eureka, Calif.

Ringling-Barnum - Blue Unit

July 13-18 San Diego, Ca.

Ringling-Barnum - Red Unit

to July 18 Houston, Texas

Royal Hanneford Circus

July 17-18 Monroe, La.

Sells & Gray Circus

July 12 Sparrow Bush, NY
13 Monticello
14 Tarreytown
15 Shelton, Conn.

Sells & Gray Circus (Cont'd)

July 16 Montville, Conn
17 Pawcatuck
18 Fall River, Mass

Super Circus, USA

July 18-19 Thibodeaux, La.

TNT & Royal Olympic Circus

July 13-17 Chattanooga,

Wallenda Circus Tenn

July 13 Warren, Ohio
16-17 Wheeling, W.Va

..... OTHER ROUTES

American Freedom Train

July 14-27 New York, N.Y.

Blake's Country Fair

July 14-18 Marshalltown,

Century 21 Shows (Red) Iowa

July 16-24 Peoria, Ill.

Century 21 Shows (Blue)

July 16-24 Peoria, Ill.

Diamond S. Rodeo

July 13 Troy, Ohio

16 Kenton

17 Findlay

James H. Drew Shows

July 12-17 New Albany, Ind

Jett's Petting Zoo

July 15-25 El Cerrito, Ca.

Pontiac Unicyclists

July 12 Scranton, Pa.

13-14 New York, N.Y.

15-16 Allentown, Pa.

17 Philadelphia

18 Baltimore, Md.



BILLY BARTON....

THE JUNE ISSUE OF "AFTER DARK" has a photo of KAZIMERZ DYMEK (Pole Voltiage) filling in as a Bus Boy, at the Dunes, during the strike by three Vegas Unions. Inside the hotels everybody was pinch-hitting and at least 50% of the cast of the Lido show doubled as bellhops, maids and waiters - all in a true "show must go on" spirit, only in this case it was "business as usual!"

EMMETT KELLY, Sr. is unhappy about a NEIL SEDAKA album bearing Emmett's "Weary Willie" likeness.....DOUG MORRIS and partner CLIFF MOSLEY are touring their DeWayne Bros. Circus from San Diego to Alaska. Doug is lighting director for the TONY ORLANDO & DAWN and DINAH SHORE shows. In summer he moonlights with the

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circus, where his daughter, Susie (15), is an aerialist. I last trouped with Doug on the Richard Bros. Circus.

Phil and Francine's baby elephant DONDI is a cute-as-a-button act the audience warms to immediately. It's a real novelty and is bound to end up in Vegas. ...BILL and TRUDY STRONG played the real tourist role enroute to a L.A. Circus date, then took in all the tourists spots, and were hosted to a dinner party by PAUL and JUDY KAYE.

HELEN WALLEDA is on the road with husband KARL.....KAY FRANCIS HANNEFORD was in a New Orleans sanitarium recently for continued treatments.....J. P. THERON is back with the Emmett Kelly, Jr., Circus.

CIRCO CESARE TOGNI's arrival in the U. S. for an Italian Festival was delayed by an earthquake and then a shipping strike - they finally went to Peru for a 50 day run.

ANDY ANDERSON has had problems keeping the New York Park open. City fathers want to tear it down and everything is up in the air.....WALT KING is enjoying a good summer with his ANIMALAND PARK near Detroit.

Seriously ill IGINIO BOGINO has been re-hospitalized....the Sells & Gray Circus beat Hoxie into Waynesboro, Pa. by about 20 days. (Continued on Page 9)

Show Guests

OLD CHICAGO - Vashek and his wife; Aneta and Jacob Vargas; Jim Douglass; John and Ilnka Villams Billy Barton; Sarah Chapman; Bobby Davis; Vern and Danny Woerner and John Benaka.

SAM T. POLACK CIRCUS - Sandy Dobritch; Mary Lou and Diane Landes; Susan and Cemon; Emil and Debbie Goetchi; John McKay and Cookie; Rex and Sandy Young; Don Gilcrest; Merle Evans; Doug Mc Cloud; Giles Austing; Don Phillips; Barbara Taggart and daughter Sonette; Viola McLeod; the Zamudios; the Slaters; Howard Schultz; Iris Keppo; Jorge Rosell John Goodall; Alfredo Atayde; Ivy Kelroy's sister; Isabel Luvas' father and many, many others.

CIRCUS ACTS

The program produced by Wm. Kay for the El Korah Shrine Temple (Boise, Idaho) June 22-25 featured: Blinko & Maran, Balloon A-Rama; Bob Johnson, juggling/balance; LaBelle Raquel, aerial; Pam Rosaire, chimps/dogs; Al's Lemonzeen; The Wallendas, high wire; Vidbell's ponies/elephants; The Navarros, cycles; Johnny and Barbara Luxem, sky wheel.

The staff included: Wm. Kay, director; Patricia Kay, talent; John Malett, musical director; Enrico Bogino, supt.; Val Antonette, concessions; Bruce Freem, wardrobe; Susan Cullen, secretary with Russ Emerson and Jack Healy, handling advertising.

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PEOPLE

ED PORTER reports Roberts Bros. played to full houses at Highland (N.Y.) on June 30th.

JAY JAXON, stilt walker, recently visited the Henneberry Family at Toulon (Ill) while playing dates in that area.

JIM RINEHART, juggler, will take his family to India for two years to study under a Guru.

TED STEWART (Los Commancheros) is now back in the cradle act after a 5½ month layoff due to a dislocated shoulder. They have dates with Tegge, then join the George-Matthews Circus.

LISA HAMBLEY (daughter of Europorama's announcer Harry Hambley) was injured doing web during the last week of the show's tour. She dislocated her knee and must wear a leg brace for several weeks. Lisa was replacing ELAINE SLOAN who left the show after being injured in a car accident.

THE HENNEBERRY Family worked Aurora (Minn.) on July 3rd and Breckenridge (Mich.) on July 4th.

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Los Commancheros) is now working with PAUL McCAUSLAND at Toronto. Paul is a former REGGIE ARMOR catcher, now in charge of Cuneo's productions.

JIM RINEHART (Juggler) and family will go to India for two years to study mediation under a Guru.

BOB EMRICO (clown) recently closed with the Lewis Bros. Circus and jumped into Anaheim (Calif.) where he played with the Gatti show on July 4th.

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Deputy Sheriff Rex Martin, chairman of the Dupage County Police Assoc. which has, for the past six years, sponsored a circus, and this year sponsored the Sam T. Polack Circus at Wheaton (Jun 23-27) started out in 1939 as a prop hand on the old Cole Bros. Circus.

After that he was a musician with the Glen Gray orchestra. "I am very circus oriented," said Rex, which is quite obvious after listening to him. "We are pleased with the Sam Polack show," he added. "He has brought Wheaton new acts and good acts."

The promotion was successful although undermined somewhat by another circus promotional campaign for the same site this fall. "They started their promotion much earlier than ours," he said.

Martin had left the lot be-

PEOPLE

CLARK McDERMOTT has his "Cold Nose Five" act at Gainesville, Texas, where he is breaking in two new dogs.

DO DO, the Clown, is working libraries in Northern Louisiana. Working with him is "Little Doe" a clown audiences like.

NOTICE!

It was the "Rito Bros." who provided a trampoline and juggling act at the CFA Convention, their name was listed wrong in a recent issue of CR.

Carl Wong was not involved in that recent Myrtle Beach fall. Two men were working in Carl's "Skymasters" act and they fell.

fore the bad blowdown but was seen accessing the damage the next day. "It's a good thing we had an early show," he remarked.

..... B. B.

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BILLY BARTON (Continued)

ALPHONSO MAGANA and LU ANN JACOBS made the Denver Shrine engagement for PAUL KAYE during the G-M layover.....THE WALLEDA CIRCUS tours this month and the OL-ER's are starting their fair run.

Comic-Impressionist FRANK RODERICK, who lives in Martinsburg (W.Va.) where CARSON & BARNES played in early June, was astonished to see a parade of elephants stretched from one end of town to the other. "I've never seen SO many elephants in my life!" says Roderick. Nor has any one else, Frank!

The untimely demise of CHARLIE NOCK resulted from choking on a piece of meat, followed by a heart attack. Only his daughter was home and she was unaware of the tragedy. Charlie was pronounced DOA at the hospital, then was revived, but for 20 minutes no oxygen had gotten to his brain. He finally succumbed. My personal sympathies to the Nock Family.

CARLA WALLEDA will appear at the Police date in Cleveland produced by Eddie Zacchini..... RUDY BROS. CIRCUS will play a run of dates in the fall, plus some Christmas shows.....BILL BRICKLE reports he enjoyed visiting Beaty-Cole and they have their best show in several years....After the Berman-Dalls Super Circus run BILL BRICKLE goes into Agawam Park for 3 weeks, following the JORDANAS. He and John Meyers have built a mirrored archway, complete with mirrored ball for the "Miss

Universe Pageant" segment of his Poodle Fantasy.

Acts at the Circus for the Baltimore Fair (Jun. 17-27) handled by GIL MILLER included: Fossett's Swaying Stars with the Girl in the Moon; Sensational Leighs; Oscar Cristiani; Baron Von Uhl; the Albanis, aerial motorcycle; the Obandos and Peter Luvvas' Globe of Death.

TOMMY BENTLEY who hasn't had a day off this season, went directly to Oklahoma City after finishing the Cincy promotion for Rudy Bros....The GERALDOS followed the ill-fated SKYMASTERS into Earl Husted's Myrtle Beach Pavilion (S.C.).

ZENKA MALIKOVA, the greatest single woman high wire act of all time, is playing spot dates. Malikova, is something of a miracle! She looks the same, does the same breath-taking act I first saw in 1947. Her look-alike sister is KLARA BERTINI now touring with IAN GARDEN.

The old Hunt Bros. Circus was the first to use a Wild West Concert and it was my uncle, George Barton, who produced it? Wonder when some new show will "revive" the "after show" format?

I've been told that DOREY MILLER is heading west into more familar and profitable territory, with his Carson & Barnes Circus.

Famous Hunt will get a new top in 77 and change its format - 1890's style, with imitation gas lights and other accoutrements of that area!

See you down the road, luvs.

Miscellaneous

The Kansas Alley #45, of the Nat'l Clowns of America, will have a get-together on Aug. 1st, the first day of the Clown Week Festivities at Wichita (Aug 1-7).

The Happytime Circus and Allen's Petting Zoo played side-by-side at the Pleasanton (Calif.) Fair July 6-11.

The Royal Palace Circus was at Bridgeport (Conn.) during the final days of the Barnum Festival

ROUTES

Rose City Rides

July 13-17 Troy, Mo.

Tip Top Shows

July 13-18 Seymour, Wisc.

Wonderful World of Horses

July 12-13 Long Beach, Calif.

15-18 Anaheim

40 Horse Hitch

July 19 Farmer City, Ill.

Show Date

Several surprises and innovations were enjoyed by CFA Conventioneers who attended the Stebbing Circus on June 10th. In the afternoon some 270 people enjoyed a Bar-B-Que, then in the evening they went to the circus.

The show's tent is an 85 ft round end with a 40 ft center. The entrance marquee is a European type and all the main poles were decked out in colored lights. The program was an excellent one, and enjoyed by everyone.

All of the show's quarter poles are of the mushroom type (without spikes). They proved their worth, says John Stebbing, just a few days before the convention when a wind and rain storm struck. I thought we were going to lose the top, he said, but in three minutes we had it dropped down and thus saved it. You couldn't have done that with spiked poles.

.... M. L. Dupont

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Tim "Twinkles" Tegge.

The program featured: Crazy Sailors, tumbling; Bob Worth & Co, juggling; Miss Carmen, tight wire; Clowns, the magic box; the Lipko Comedy Chimps (2); Clowns, the magic bag; Sherry's rolling globe; Henry Libor, one man musical show; Clowns, the Swami; The Burketts, aerialists, followed by intermission.

The second half of the show featured: Johnson's bears; Clowns and a balloon; Prince Najvez, aerialist; The Flintstones, novelty feature; Swen and Lili Kristenson and the Carden-Johnson elephants; Carmen del Molino, single trapeze and Eddie Ventura and his Rocket Car.

..... Don Sandman

NOTES An eastern show according to reports is having several problems and is barely making it from one day to the next.

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