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## **Biz OK For Both Strong Shows**

"We're playing most of our dates without advance phone promotion," says John Strong, "and business is currently about 40% better than it was last year."

Turnaway business has been reported for most stands, with exceptional business recorded for every performance during Easter week at dates that had been booked by Gene Holloway. At Santa Barbara the freeway and offramps were jammed with cars waiting to get into the parking area.

This summer John Strong is operating two show units, one on the west coast and the other in the mid-west states. The under canvas show is managed and directed by John Strong, while the indoor unit is under the management of Earl Tegge, from Chicago.

The Western unit has been confronted with some problems such as trouble with equipment. As a result the show is now leasing tractors for its tour. About a month ago a group of show personnel (Bob and Marie Rawls, Steve Baker, Gary Rey,  
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## **Sailor *circus***

Some 2,000 people attended the opening performance of the Sailor's Circus at Sarasota, Fla (April 12) which featured some 95 young performers.

The show, directed by Bill Lee, Willie Edelston, Gunther Wallenda and others, offered 12 performances in a two week period. The average performer is a 9th grade student.

The show's big top, a blue and white tent, brand new this year cost them \$24,950. It is 232 ft long and 115 ft. wide, with seating for 2,500 persons.



**COUNTRY MUSIC  
CIRCUS**  
STAGE SHOW  
**Wild West**

With no advance publicity, the Tommy Scott Country Music Circus quietly slipped into West Monroe, La. on Apr. 26th. The show was sponsored by the Optimist Club, with all advance handled in advance by phone. There's been a change in the show's title this year as the name "Col. Tim McCoy" has been dropped.

In an interview with Sam Baxter, road manager, Sam said the Col. had asked to be replaced for the early part of this season so he and his wife could take an ocean cruise and visit a daughter in Germany. Before McCoy completed his plans Mrs. McCoy died. The date and time were not mentioned.

The show is much the same as it was last year, with a few changes. Among those who were here last year were: Sam Baxter, Gaines Blevins and Scotty Lee (Gaines' son), Bo-Jo, the clown, and the Masked Rider (Gaines Blevin).

New features include "Stomping Eddie" who played and did a unique "stomping act"; Big Mama Barbe, vocalist who included a new song in her routines, it was written by Tommy Scott and is titled "The Streaking Song."

Larry Naees does magic and sings, while another newcomer is guitarist Terry Rogers.

The program concluded with "Sunset" Carson who offers several trick routines, much to the delight of the audience.

Texas Tommy and his dogs are due to join the show, and Tommy Scott is due back shortly.

The show is traveling on 8 trailers and one panel truck for props. They anticipate ano-

## REAL SHOW TALENT

Several circus oldsters are currently touring with the Deggeller Amusement Co. They include: Sam Delaney, cookhouse man, who trouped with the Robinson and Floto shows; Bob Gran-ger, who was with the Hagenbeck Wallace Circus; Col. Ed Smith, who was a booker for Silver Bros; Claude Secrest, legal adjuster, who trouped with Rice Bros. and Harris Bros; Spike Morgan, lithographer, who was on Cole Bros. and Art "Doc" Miller, a veteran showman.

Incidentally, the Deggeller Show is using pictorial lithos and has ordered special new paper for its fair season. Also presently being used is some old Erie Litho fair paper that was discovered in storage by Art Miller.

ther long season and report that gas has been no problem and business has been good.

.... M. L. Dupont

## SHOW TALENT

This year's Reid Bros. Circus, currently playing in the Pacific Northwest, has been re-titled "Grand Circus Safari." The show is operated by Bette and John Reid, with staff members: Ruth Reppine, treasurer; Jeff Banyon, prop boss; Simone Finner, talent coordinator; Dick Cross, music; and clowns Father Paul Tambury and Dave Fulton.

### Show acts include:

Mae's uncaged leopards  
 Johnson's elephants  
 Eduardo's Gypsy Bears  
 Daisy Mae's Critters (goats)  
 Ryan's liberty horses  
 Chief Screaming Eagle - comedy  
 Jerri's doves  
 Marie's dog and pony act  
 Baldwin's chimps  
 Irene Noblitt - trapeze  
 The Runyons - rola bola  
 Randy & Joan - juggling

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## HAMID-MORTON: 3-RING SPECTACULAR

When the Hamid-Morton Circus played Harrisburg, Pa., (April 22-27) they brought in an excellent show, which was under the sponsorship of the Zumbo Shrine Temple. The program ran 2½ hours, and was presented at the Farm Show Arena.



Featured on the show were:

The Super-Circus Spec  
 Countess Carlotta - slide-life  
 Princess Eloise - mixed animals  
 The Charlies - acrobats  
 The Milantis - trampoline  
 Barney Cipriani - comedy  
 Miss Eloise - Baby elephant  
 Zope's dogs and horse  
 Szymanski's chimps  
 The Winn Bros. - inclined wire  
 Ayala Troupe - teeterboard  
 Alfie - the trained seal  
 Princess Raven Hair - birds  
 Aerial ladder display - with a  
 60 ft. dive of death  
 Yosemite Sam - Guest Star  
 Prof. Alberto - riding school  
 Liberty pony troupe  
 The Clowns  
 The Flying Del-Steeles  
 Gutis Jungle Fantasy  
 Fulbright's high school horses  
 The Clowns - egg balance  
 Miss Eloise - elephants  
 The Winn Troupe - aerial cycle  
 Grand Finale  
 ....Eugene Mascioli



## Some C-B Notes

The Carson & Barnes Circus has made some changes in their rolling equipment this season. Among their new trucks are:

A combination cookhouse and pie car, with a generator in the semi. (Cab. #123 and Semi #65)

Tire and supply truck. It is a former bill car from the Kelly-Miller Circus (was first used on the M. Miller Community Circus)

Front-end loader - an Int. Harvester unit. Carries canvas and various equipment, drives stakes, and can pull trucks off a muddy lot. The unit travels on a flat-bed semi, complete with welding unit. (Cab # 157 and Semi # 74).

A Wells Cargo trailer is the new ticket and office wagon.

A flat-bed semi (Cab # 90 and Semi # 57) carries about 10 small cages.

Also new this year are two concession stands, built in the winter months, which are carried on the seat trucks.

Units not on the show include the hippo truck, which was sold to Dailey Bros. Circus. The old managerie truck is not being used this season.

The show had some truck problems early last month while playing Texas dates. The spool

## SHOW GETS OK

The Happytime Circus appeared for the first time in the schools of the Redlands/San Bernardino area (Calif.) the last two weeks of April with good success. The show was sponsored by the PTA and was greeted with enthusiastic crowds at each stand, with invitations "to come back next year".

The schools were some of those previously booked by the Big John Strong Circus, with a few new dates added by Johnny Lenker, who did the booking.

Owner Dave Twomey was the ringmaster, presenting his dogs, goats and ponies, assisted by his wife Judy. Harry Ross' comedy numbers drew good applause, as did Koko (Kenny) and his unusual llama, and Mike Kelly who does rola bola, plate spinning and juggling.

Among the visitors at the circus were: Perky Perkins, Bill Dedrick and Mingo.

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truck broke an axle enroute to Rosenberg, Texas, (Apr. 1) and repairs were made at Orange.

The show was sidewalled at Beaumont, where the marquee truck got lost and didn't arrive until that night. As a result it was necessary to rent a fork lift, since the show's two were loaded on the marquee truck.

..... Pete Holmes, Jr.

## Clown Safe After Camper Rolls

Enroute into Tucson, Ariz. (April 18) strong winds rolled D. W. Washburn's pick-up and camper. Washburn is known professionally as "Sparky, the Clown." Both units were completely demolished amounting to a loss of some \$5,000 or more.

Sparky was hospitalized at Casa Grande where his injuries were described as lacerations on the forehead and a mild whiplash. This was despite the fact that Sparky's head was locked into the steering wheel when rescuers tried to pull him free.

### As I Saw It

When the Dailey Bros. Circus played here at Sedan, Kans. (May 4) everyone from far and near were on hand to greet them. It was the first circus we've had in many years and everyone was happy to see the show arrive.

The circus was sponsored by the local Lions Club, who said they'd sold over 1,000 tickets. In fact they had to give three shows here and our town has a population of only 1,800.

There are several good acts in the show, most of the performers are Mexican and the Castillo family does many numbers.

It was surprising to find Butch Madden on the show. He does whips and sharp shooting. Also met Ken Benson (Turtle, the Clown). He has a nice chimp that used to be on Clark & Walters and is he ever proud of his pet. The show owner, son of the late Ben Davenport, is a nice young fellow. He rolled out the red carpet for us and certainly

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"It's a miracle I'm alive," says Sparky. "I went back to pick up my things and found that most of my costumes were still there, but all of my personal belongings were gone. They had looted the wreckage as it lay alongside the highway."

Sparky is currently traveling with the Big John Strong Indoor Circus which is playing the mid-western area. He is featured with his floating cane and other routines in each performance.

### SHOW FOLKS

Executives on the Beatty-Cole Circus this season include:

- Frank McClosky - president
- Edna Antea - secretary/treasurer
- John Hugh - general manager
- Art Branning - manager
- Arnold Maley - road treasurer
- John Seawell - office manager
- Roger Boyd, Jr. - side show mgr.
- William Webster - concession mgr.
- Dallas Farmer - prop supt.
- Oscar Grissett - mechanical supt.
- Fred Logan - elephant supt.
- Bill Keller - electrician
- Andrew Smallwood - canvas boss

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# ROUTES

Allen's Pet Zoo  
May 13-15 Vacaville, Cal.

Bernes & Daily Circus  
May 12 New Athens, Ill.

Carson & Barnes Circus  
May 13 Fort Collins, Col.  
14 Brush  
15 Sterling  
16 Sidney, Nebr.  
17 North Platte  
18 Mc Cook

Hubert Castle Circus  
May 13-16 Thunder Bay, Ont.  
14 Wayburn, Sask.  
15 Moose Jaw  
16 Swift Current  
17-18 Medicine Hat

Circus Vargas  
May 13-15 Tacoma, Wash.  
16-19 Portland, Oreg.  
20-21 Boise, Idaho

Continental Circus  
May 5-7 Jacksonv'le, Fla.

Deiley Bros. Circus  
May 13 Park City, Kans.  
14 Halstead  
15 Hillsboro  
16 Sterling  
17 Ellinwood

Fisher Bros. Circus  
May 7 New Boston, Tex.

Gatti-Charles Circus  
May 13 Auburn, Wash.

Great Y Circus  
May 17-18 Redlands, Calif.

Hamid-Morton Circus  
May 14-18 Pittsburgh, Pa.

Hanneford Circus  
May 14 Seymour, Ind.

Polack Bros. Circus  
May 18-19 Long Beach, Cal.

Ringling's Blue Unit  
to May 27 New York, N.Y.

Ringling's Red Unit  
May 14-27 Boston, Mass.

Royal Lipizzan Stall. Show  
May 14-17 Plattsburg, N.Y.  
19 Landover, Md.

Tommy Scott Schow  
May 13 Seymour, Ind.  
14 Bedford  
15 Washington  
16 Linton  
17 Martinsville  
18 Lebanon  
19 Anderson  
20 Hartford City

Sells & Gray Circus  
May 13 Ironton, Ohio  
14 Georgetown  
15 Aberdeen  
16 Batavia  
17 Fairfield  
18 Bellefontaine  
19 Enroute

John Strong's Indoor Circus  
May 11-13 Tulsa, Okla.  
14 Muskogee  
15 Fayetteville, Ark.  
16 Springfield, Mo  
17 Enroute  
18 Columbia

John Strong's 1890 Circus  
May 13 Manteca, Calif.  
14 Woodland  
15 Quincy  
16 Sparks, Nev.  
17 Carson City  
18 Lake Tahoe  
19 Bishop

Voorheis Bros. Circus  
May 13 Portland, Mich.  
16 Jackson

Vaudeville Show  
May 18 San Fran, Cal.

World's Fair Show-Spokane  
May 13 Clevel'd Orch.  
14 Jazz Festival  
14-19 Soviet Skaters  
15 Tom T. Hall  
16 Marcel Marceau  
17 Gord. Lightf't  
18 Festa Brazil

## people

HANA "Hanabel" TOPOR is back at Coney Island, N.Y. as official Moppet Greeter Clown in Steeplechase Park

SMOKEY JONES is teaching a class in elephant handling at the Los Angeles, Calif. Zoo.

VICTORIA CHAPLIN (she's the daughter of famed Chas. Chaplin) is married to a French circus clown.

SCOTT MORRIS made a guest clown appearance on Clyde Beatty-Cole Bros. Circus at Comack, N. Y.

FREDERICK WNEEDLAND reports he recently visited the James E. Strates Show and Ringling's Circus Park while visiting in Florida.

MIKE NAUGHTON, PAT BISONETTE and MICKEY WADE (clowns) welcomed those who had completed a 20 mi. Walkathon for the March of Dimes on April 28th. They appeared in front of the grandstand at Yonkers Race track in New York.

TORCHY TOWNSEND and RAY-

Hanneford Circus  
May 14 Seymour, Ind.

Hoxie Bros. Circus  
May 13 Trenton, Ohio  
14 Greensburg  
15 New Miami  
16 New Castle  
17 Winchester  
18 Napoleon  
19 Hudson, Mich.  
20 Ypsilante

Hubler's Int'l Circus  
May 16-19 Buffalo, N.Y.

King Bros. Circus  
May 13 Hereford, Texas  
14 Plainview  
15 Canyon  
16 Dumas  
17 Dalhart

Lewis Bros. Circus  
May 13 Enon, Ohio  
14 West Jefferson  
15 Mechanicsburg  
16 Jackson Center  
17 Enroute  
18 New Bremen  
19 Enroute

May 13 Portland, Mich.  
16 Jackson

..... OTHER ROUTES .....

Antique Air Show  
May 17-19 Watsonville, Cal

Century 21 Show (Blue Unit)  
May 13-18 Henderson, Ky.

Century 21 Show (Red Unit)  
May 14-19 Ottawa, Ill.

Disney on Parade Show  
May 14-19 Bismarck, N.D.

James H. Drew Shows  
May 14-18 Marmet, W. Va.

Frog Jumping Contest  
May 16-19 Angels Camp, Cal

Holiday on Ice Show  
to June 2 Mexico City, Mex

Ice Follies  
May 14-19 Oakland, Cal.

Peter Pan Show  
May 15-19 Kansas City, Mo

Rose City Rides  
May 13-18 Harveston, Mo.

working in New York.

TORCHY TOWNSEND and RAYMOND DUKE are reported in Arkansas and Missouri to book dates for Fisher Bros Circus later this season.

BOB EMRICO reports his side show now includes a 5 ft. King snake, a lizard, monkey, fish and bat.

PARLEY BAER filled in for John STRONG when the latter recently had to be in the mid-west for his second unit show opening.

DOROTHY MILLER, one of the few gal billposters, is caring for her blind mother. She'd like to hear from friends - her address is: Box 376, New Liskeard, Ontario, Canada - POJIPO

**Millions in Cattle Drives**

Dallas — Millions of longhorns walked out of Texas on three-month journeys to Kansas rail terminals in the great 19th century cattle drives.

## Cold Hurts Circus Attendance In Georgia

Officials of Roberts Bros. Circus are to be commended for their presentation of the circus at Lithonia, Ga. on April 24th. The lot was a piece of newly graded dirt, temperatures were in the mid-40's and not too many people were on hand to enjoy the show.

Their band consisted of three pieces -- Dave Fulton, on the trumpet and leader (he also did the announcing), Douglas Hadley on drums and Tom McDowell at the organ keyboard.

Two performances were presented, one at 6 and 8 p.m. The show featured the following acts and musical numbers.

- Overture - "Greatest Show on Earth"
- Sword Swallowing Clown: act - "Bravera"
- Trapeze act - "More" and "Roses of Memory"
- Ponies - "Billboard March", the "Double Time March", and the "Parade of Wooden Soldiers"
- Clowns Firecracker Gag - "When the Saints Go Marching In" and "Hindustan"
- Hand Balancing - "I Left My Heart in San Francisco"
- Web - "Si, Cera, Cera" "Gene"
- Dog Act - "Big Cage Galop" and "Applause"
- Bareback act - "Up, Up and Away" and "Pretissimo Galop"
- Trained Goats - "Broadway One Step"
- Swinging ladder - "Fascination"
- Elephant - "Royal Decree", "Melody of Love", "Bombasto"
- Cloud Swing - "Spanish Eyes" and "Cere Ami Amori"
- Finale - "Wings of Victory" and "Barnum & Bailey Favorite"

## MIDWEST DATES

The 1974 tour of "Europorama" will take the show into the mid-west for the first time. In the past the show has operated only on the west coast.

The program, as announced by showman John Winn, will be featuring:

- The Winn Family - aerial motor
- The Tabak Troupe - perch and sword balance acts
- Rosell Troupe - high wire and funny car
- The Flying Latinos
- Wolfgang Becker - hand balance
- Young Troupe - teeterboard and trampoline

Others on the show will include: Vinco Graco, band leader; Karl Lembo, set-up mgr.

Among those who were visiting the show were: Charlie Henson and Paul Fitzpatrick, of the CFA; Charles Campbell, publisher of a weekly route sheet; Marc Hall and Milt Robbins, who had just completed working with the RBBB side show in Washington, DC

..... Paul Fitzpatrick

# notes

Purina Cat Food is currently using a circus setting for its TV commercials.

The new Beatty-Cole big top is 150 x 300 ft and was made by the Leaf Tent & Sail Co. of Fla.

Garden Bros. Circus is going

play several dates in New Jersey, sponsored by the Crescent Shrine Temple.

The Sun-Telegram of San Bernardino (Calif.) for April 28th carried two pictures and a story about Circus Vargas.

Wallace & Rogers presented three shows at Bainbridge Island (Wash) on April 2nd.

Marshall Field & Co., Box 7199, Chicagi, Ill. 60680, has bedspreads, towels, etc in colorful circus themes.

The C.M.B. National Gathering will be at Indiana, Pa. on Aug. 1-4. All exhibits and displays will be at Mack Park.

Dailey Bros. Circus played Baxter Springs, Kans. on May 7th.

## In Memoriam

NELLIE DUTTON BAUSMAN, a life-long circus performer, died on Apr. 15 at Brandon, Fla. She was 85 years old.

She appeared as a rider on many shows, including the Dutton Shows.

Survivors include her husband, William B. Bausman.



## BIG JOHN STRONG & SON Present TWO NEW shows

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...Big John

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**CLOWNS**  
**ACROBATS**

**CINDY THE CHIMP**

## CASTLE circus pleases

Acts featured with the Hubert Castle Circus during its Columbus, Ohio (Mar. 28-Apr. 6) date included:

Guy Gossing - wild animals  
 The Aerial Stellars  
 The Tabeks - perch act  
 The Elkins Sisters  
 Al's Pals  
 Milonga's liberty horses  
 Charmaine's Playmates  
 Rex Young - clown car  
 Geronimo - high dive  
 The Sarazochils  
 The Alejandros  
 The Bisbinis  
 Vidbel's elephants  
 Diano's elephants  
 Cline's elephants  
 Malikova - high wire  
 The Flying Valentines  
 Arturo Segura - bounding rope  
 The Trio Angelos  
 dam's chimps  
 ssle's bears  
 ss Chrys Holt - hair hang  
 Smahe Family - horses  
 Great Arturo  
 Jordans  
 s Yolanda  
 e Cycling wizards  
 he Esqueda Troupe  
 The Great Boros - swaypole

Assisting Castle in the presentation of the show were:

Gary Strong - equest. director  
 Russ Darr - band leader  
 Angelo Bisbini - prop boss  
 Rex Young - producing clown

## CIRCUS VISITORS

Recent visitors on circus lots were:

Circus Vargas (San Bernardino, Calif.): Ray Rodmen, Bill Rivers, Margaret Holter and Bob Pemit.

Circus King (Tijuana, Mex.) Bob Kellogg, Eddie Klockman, Smokey and Kari Jones.

John Strong Circus (Northern Calif.): Tom Upton, Robert B. Johnson, Don Marcks, Rev. Carr and Homer Stack.

Carson & Barnes (Las Cruces N.M.) Vivian and Pat Graham.

## Title Questioned

The Circus World Museum, the Wisconsin State Historical Society and Wisconsin's Attorney General have asked the U. S. Patent Office to deny a Ringling-Barnum request to register its "Circus World" title.

They claim that another attraction with the same name, or a similar name, will confuse the general public and those who donate items to the museum.

The Circus World Museum, says one official, was a title registered some years ago, and both the circus and public recognize it as the Wisconsin attraction.



THE JOHN STRONG CIRCUSES (Cont'd)

plus John and David Pugh) left the show at one time. Since then Tex Goetsch has joined as show superintendent, and some workingmen from the Vargas show have joined to keep the circus rolling smoothly.

The indoor circus has had good business and is operating smoothly under the direction of Earl Tegge. Featured performers include: Hines and Margaret Fraunstein, plate spinning/juggling; Bill Birchfield, illusions; Don Phillips Family, unicycles/juggling; Dorothy Herbert dogs/birds; Doug Floto and D. W. Washburn, clowns. The concession unit is handled by Roy Slater, with music by Morry Castleman (drums) and Marge Armstrong (organ). Gordon Walsh, of Tripoli Productions, is road manager of the show.

On the western unit are: Tex Goetsch, Supt.; James Wellington, canvas boss; Harry Jenkins, Sr. organ; Bob Gardiner, drums.

The show program features:

- Canestrelli Kids (6) acrobats
- Comedy Gorilla routine
- Miss Heidi - trained dogs
- Clowns - a lost chair
- Tex Goetsch - trained chimp
- John Strong - Arthur, the bird
- John Strong - liberty ponies
- Clowns - Balancing eggs
- Miss Heidi - juggling
- Clowns - the balloon number

SHOW FOLKS (Continued)

Clifford McDuffee - transp. supt  
 Lou Guimond - cookhouse  
 C. J. Wagner - purchasing agent  
 Roger Boyd - ringmaster  
 Charles Schlarbaum - band leader  
 Elba Angarita - arial director  
 Rita Ferreira - wardrobe  
 R. Paska - 24 hour man  
 Kenneth Dodd - producing clown  
 Colin Brain - warehouse supt.  
 Matthew Daly - printing mgr.  
 Wilson Storey - talent coordinat

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AS I SAW IT (Continued)

gives credit to the CFA'ers.

The show's new big top arrived here and was to be set-up at Independence on May 5th. They really need it for the old top was really damaged in a Texas blowdown. It was frightening to hear them tell how the storm hit out of the blue, on a sunny afternoon, without a cloud in the sky. They also expect a new elephant to arrive any day now.

..... Velma Lowry

The Canestrellis - ladder bal.  
 -- Intermission --  
 Canestrelli Kids - tight wire  
 Miss Valerie - swinging ladder  
 The Wendany Family - acrobats  
 Tex Goetsch - elephant "Neena"

# Frontier Days

The Foley & Burk Shows have signed a three year contract, starting this year, with the Milpitas (Calif.) Businessmen's Assoc. for its annual Frontier Days & Rodeo celebration. This years program will be held on May 26-June 2.

Last year the celebration drew 50,000 people. It is directed by Charles Mason, Assoc. president; Richard Taylor, general chairman and Jim Rodgers, rodeo chairman.

In addition to the carnival the 8 day event features a golf tournament, Bar-B-Que, Miss Milpitas Pageant, arts and crafts show, western dance, Merchant's Decorating contest, Horse Show and Rodeo (stock is provided by Rodeo Stock Contractors, of Clements, Calif.)

Charles Mason has spent 50 years in show business - working with circuses and carnivals. He also promotes the Big John A. Strong Circus for the Milpitas Lions Club each September.

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## Surplus Animal Snafu

MIAMI, Fla. (AP) — Carol Chase and her husband have 11 leopards, jaguars and tigers. They can't sell the animals and they can't afford to keep them.

The Chases are animal dealers. They say they can't sell or trade because the U.S. Interior Department hasn't issued permits required by the Endangered Species Act signed into law last December.

"We can't feed them forever," she said. "They eat meat and a lot of it. If we can't sell them we'll have to have them destroyed."

Mrs. Chase is not the only one complaining, says William Braker, director of the Shedd Aquarium in Chicago and chairman of the American Association of Zoological Parks and Aquariums.

"People have been reluctant to move their animals. Most are just waiting for a clear ruling. Meanwhile the animals grow larger and become much more difficult to ship . . .

so what are we going to do with all the surplus animals we are raising?" he said.

Braker said the Indianapolis Zoo had to wait two months to ship four Siberian tiger cubs to a European zoo. Zoo spokesman Jeannie Lee said by the time the permit came the cubs had grown so that when they became rambunctious at a Chicago airport, larger cages had to be shipped from Indianapolis.

"The delays are unreasonable, no question of it," Braker said. The man who enforces the new protection law is Earl Baysinger, chief of the Office of Endangered Species and

International Activity in the Interior Department.

"There have been some unconscionably long delays," Baysinger said. "A couple of applications just got to me. But he said the biggest problem is that his department still hasn't decided how to interpret the new law."

The main problem, he said, is deciding what is commercial activity as defined by the law, which allows import or export for purposes of science, breeding or other aids to survival of the species. How that affects dealers and commercial zoos is still unclear, he said.

"Government action is like breeding elephants," Baysinger said. "There's a lot of frenzy to start, but it takes two years to get results."



The above picture was taken at the Oak Knoll Naval Hospital, in Oakland, Calif., in the early 1940's. It shows a group of Arthur Bros. Circus performers who did a free show at the hospital for Navy personnel.

The picture to your right shows Virginia Schaller, of Russell Bros. Circus, feeding "Slicker" a seal that was trained to ride a horse. The combination seal and pony act was presented on the Russell Bros. Circus by Capt. J. King Rose, who now lives in Arizona.







AP Photo

## Traffic Headaches

This truck didn't actually stop as it approached an overpass on Interstate 85 near Durham, N.C., but it slowed to a crawl and the passengers, who must be used to it, obediently (and prudently) ducked their heads.