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## COLD OR WIND — SO WHAT?

Throughout the past month the George Matthews Circus was confronted by erratic weather. Despite this the show drew good crowds and performances went on as usual.

Everything from snow and cold at Pocatello and Bozeman to real springtime weather at Sheridan has been experienced by the show this season.

Strong winds at Casper, Wyoming (June 4) forced Chester Cable to drop the big top just prior to performance time. However, the show went on as scheduled, with everyone working except Lother who does a one finger stand. Ropes and aerial rigging were standing straight out, held there by the strong winds.

## FROM "DOWN UNDER"

With the winter season underway in Australia, the Bacchus Marsh Lion Safari Park has taken on a circus city look. Several show folks -- Capt. Mick Pederson, head keeper (lion trainer with the Ashtons Circus); Vern Ellis (roller act with Alberto's Circus); Brian Beaverstock, mgr. of the park (catcher in a flying act); his wife June (riding and rolling globe performer);

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## FUND SHOWS

Regular circus-type programs are being presented as a fund raising event for the new Central Florida Zoo, which is under construction at Sanford.

Appearing in the programs are:

Rudolf Alexander - chimps  
Stan Brock - TV star  
A baby elephant



## Busy CFA's

During the month of May Don and Martha Smith (Detroit, Mich) were busy visiting various circuses in their area.

They visited the Ringling Red Unit at Kitchener, Ont., to see Bob Dover, Michael Gorman, Danny and Sarah Chapman and Vicki Unus. Also visiting the show was Walter Tyson, a Canadian CFA. The train, says Don, was parked 20 miles away at Guelph, Ont.

On May 19th, the Smiths were at Port Huron, Mich., to visit the Hanneford Circus. This is a great show and features Tommy and Strupi Hanneford. The special advertising was designed by Jack Gagne.

On May 24th, Don and Martha visited Hoxie Bros. at Berkly, Mich. and spent much time visiting with Bert Pattus and other friends, including the Cristiani's, etc.

They are now planning to attend the upcoming CFA Convention at Springfield, Ohio and other area events this summer.

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## '93 Fair Dominated By Ferris Wheel

The Ferris Wheel was to the World's Columbian Exposition (at Chicago) in 1893 what the Eiffel Tower was to the 1889 Fair at Paris.

The wheel's highest point above the ground was 264 feet, and the total weight of steel in motion was 1,800 tons. At night 3,000 lights illuminated the huge wheel.

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FROM "DOWN UNDER" (Continued)  
Darryl Grub (tent hand on Soles) and Count Senger (of the Senger Circus) have settled there for the winter.

Ashton's and Alberto's circuses recently played the suburbs of Melbourne, drawing good crowds each day. Soles Circus is moving north to Queensland for the winter months and it is presumed they'll draw well.

Circus Senger offers some numbers at the Park each weekend and is fully booked, at shopping centers, through January 1976. The show program features dogs, ponies, whips, knife throwing and rope spinning numbers.

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YOU CAN IMAGINE my surprise when I arrived on the lot at Casa Grande, Ariz. (June 1) at 9 a.m. and found that King Bros. Circus was all set up and ready to go. Pennants were flapping in the breeze and everything looked good. The equipment was clean and crisp, almost like new.

The show uses the new idea of having its bannerline painted on the side of two trucks. The effect is flashy and very colorful, and works quite well.

Shows were presented at 4 and 8 p.m. and business was fair. The weather was hot and dusty.

The Side Show is priced at 50¢, with openings handled in a professional manner by David Rawls, son of the show's manager. On the bally platform are David's wife, Cindy (blade box), Billy Gunga (magic) and Cha Cha, the clown. In addition Carl Conley exhibits a talking macaw, and, of course, the show's elephants and caged animals are all exhibited inside.

Members of the Roland C. Butler CFA Tent visited the circus as a group on June 5th. They report the show exceeds all expectations and recommend this circus to everyone.

There were several people on the show with whom I had trouped with some years back, as a result it was a real fun day of visiting. Harry Rawls greeted me as soon as I stepped on the lot. Marijo Couls was also there and she was happy to report that the CFA was naming a tent for her and Bob. Incidentally, her daughter - Patti, and husband Hines Rucker, manage an indoor show for Jim Nordmark. The show is set to play about ten weeks at an Eastern park



## A RESCUE

Linda Barr, an aerialist and animal trainer on Hoxie Bros. Circus was credited with saving the life of a 7 yr old girl in Milwaukee on June 1st.

Mrs. Barr was walking her dog between shows when she heard the little girl screaming, after having fallen into the Milwaukee River. The performer jumped in, pulled the girl out and then administered mouth-to-mouth resuscitation to revive the child.

this summer.

My old friend Charlie Rex is the show's mechanic. He gave me the sad news that his wife, Delores and their daughter had left for Hugo, to attend the funeral for her father, who had passed away the day before.

..... Ed Rogers

# ROUTES

Allen's Pet Zoo  
Jun 19-23 Watsonville, Cal

Barnes & Daily Circus  
Jun 17 Auburn, Iowa  
18 Gowrie  
19 Pocahontas  
20 Paulina  
21 Hull  
22 Sibley

Beatty-Cole Circus  
Jun 17 Kingston, N.Y.  
18 Valhalla  
19 Middletown  
20 New City  
21-22 Hempstead  
23 Bayonne, N.J.

Carden & Johnson Circus  
Jun 17 Glenwood Spg, Colo  
18 Craig  
19 Rock Springs, Wyo  
20-21 Riverton  
22 Basin  
23 Powell

Carson & Barnes Circus  
Jun 17 Newton, Iowa  
18 Marshalltown  
19 Nevada  
20 Webster City  
21 Fort Dodge  
22 Sioux City

Hubert Castle Circus  
Jun 17 Chilliwack, BC

Gatti-Charles Circus  
June 18 Winnemucca, Nev

George-Matthews Circus  
Jun 17 Great Bend, Kans  
18 Salina  
19 Hutchinson  
20-21 Wichita  
22 Emporia

Hemid-Morton Circus  
Jun 20-23 Norfolk, Va.  
-- End of Tour --

Happytime Circus  
Jun 17-29 Vallejo, Calif.

Hoxie Bros. Circus  
Jun 17 Urbana, Ohio  
18 Bucyrus  
19 Mansfield  
20 Richmond Hghts  
21 Chardon  
22 Ashtabula  
23 Beaver Falls, Pa

Kaye Continental Circus  
Jun 17-18 Ogden, Utah

Emmett Kelly, Jr. Circus  
June 22 Hamilton, Ont.

Rose Killian Show  
June 16 Seville, Tenn

King Bros. Circus  
Jun 17 Beaver, Utah  
18 Richfield  
19 Ephraim  
20 Nephi  
21 Payson  
22 Murray

John Strong's 1869 Circus  
Jun 17-18 Kansas City, Mo  
19-22 St. Louis  
23-24 Champaign, Ill

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

Century 21 Shows (Blue)  
Jun 17-22 Joliet, Ill.

Century 21 Shows (red)  
Jun 17-22 Hannibal, Mo.

Disney on Parade Show  
Jun 18-23 Tucson, Ariz

James H. Drew Shows  
Jun 17-22 Richlands, Va.

Foley & Burk Shows  
Jun 17-29 Vallejo, Cal.

Frazier World Fair Shows  
Jun 19-23 Gallup, N.M.

Kramien's Magic Capades  
June 17 Anaconda, Mont  
18 Butte  
19 Enroute  
20 Miles City

Peter Pan Show  
Jun 17-30 Los Ang, Cal.

Rose City Rides  
Jun 17-19 Owensville, Mo  
21-23 New Haven

## people

CLARK McDERMOTT is in  
the Wisconsin area with

18 Abbotsford  
 20-21 Victoria  
 22-23 Nanaimo

Charles Bros. Circus  
 June 10 Hintsle, Pa.  
 11 Salem

Circus Kingdom  
 Jun 17 Arlington, Pa.

Circus Kirk  
 Jun 17 Devon, Pa.  
 18 Coatesville  
 19 Exton  
 20 Darby  
 21 Ambler  
 22 Perkasie  
 23 Freehold

Circus Knie  
 to Jun 30 Basil, Switz.

Circus Vargas  
 Jun 18-23 Chicago, Ill.

Clyde Bros. Circus (Red)  
 Jun 17-19 Muskegon, Mich

Europorema  
 June 17 Aberdeen, Wash.  
 18 Bremerton  
 19 Port Angeles  
 20 Enroute  
 21 Cour d'Alene, Ida  
 22 Moscow  
 23 Lewiston

Jack Gates Circus  
 Jun 12 Danville, Va.

23 Toole .

Lewis Bros. Circus  
 June 17 Wellston, Ohio  
 18 Nelsonville  
 19 Chillicothe  
 20 Hillsboro  
 21 Blanchester  
 22 Washington Crt H

Polack Bros. Circus  
 June 17 Elko, Nev.  
 20 Eureka, Calif.

Ringling-Barnum - Blue Unit  
 Jun 20-24 Okla. City, Okla

Ringling-Barnum - Red Unit  
 Jun 18-19 Jackson, Miss.  
 21-23 Lake Charles, La

Royal Lipizzan Stal. Show  
 Jun 18 Casper, Wyom.  
 20 Cheyenne  
 21-22. Denver, Colo.  
 23 Colorado Springs

Royson Bros. Circus  
 Jun 18 Rossville, Ga.  
 21 Bells, Tenn.

Sells & Gray Circus  
 Jun 17 Cedarville, NY  
 18 Beuna  
 19 So. Tom's River  
 20 Barnsbore  
 21 Medford  
 22 Spotswood  
 23 Belford

dog act.

GERALD SCHEIMAN has been visiting with Moxie Bros. and Lewis Bros. show in the mid-west area.

CHERIE VALENTINE recently returned to her home in Bloomington, Ill. after spending two weeks with the Beatty-Cole Circus.

CHARLES COX (circus announcer) recently visited his mother in San Francisco.

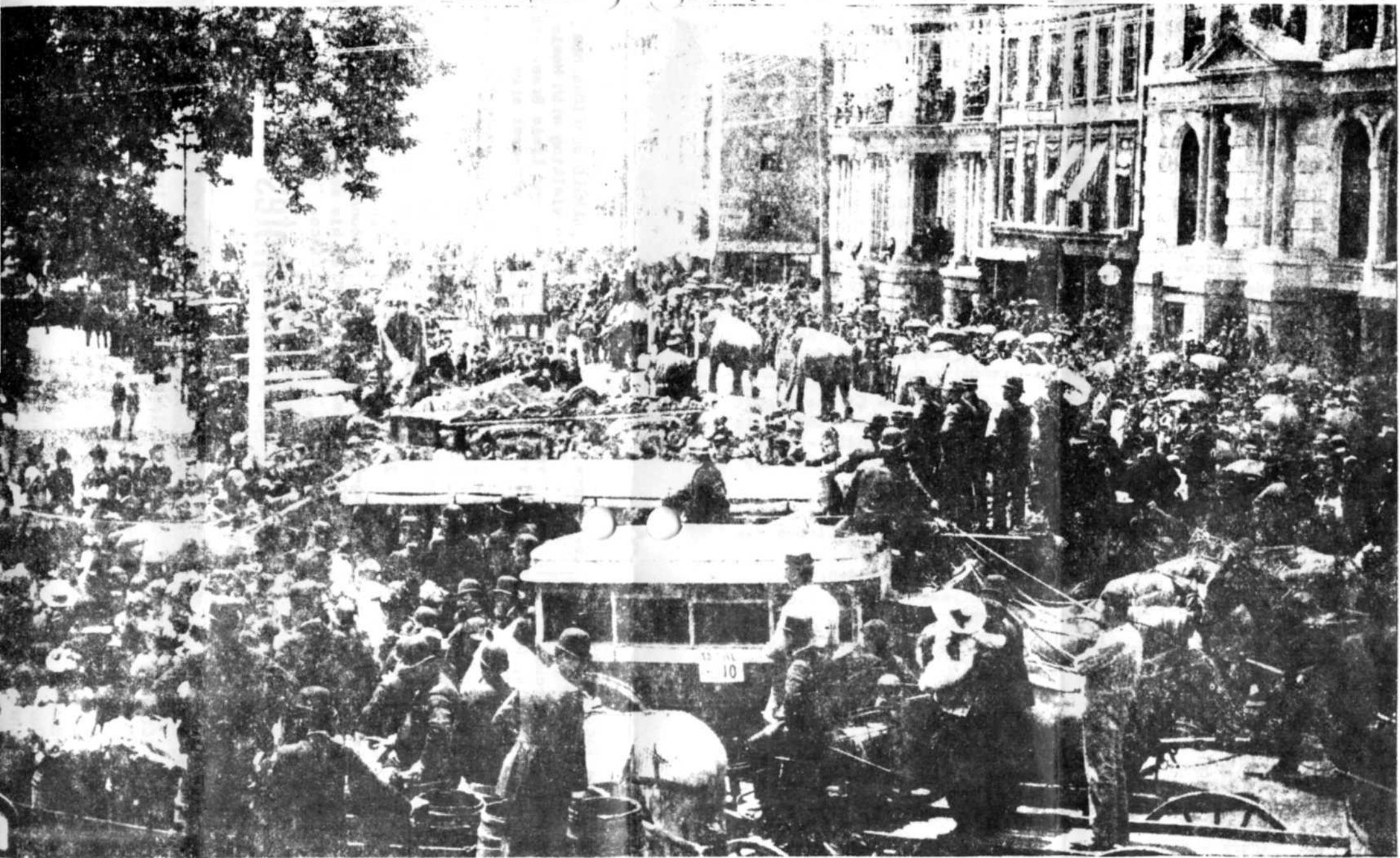
## notes

The Stebbings Circus is going to play the Virginia State Fair in September.

The tent and animals in the TV show "Punch & Jody" are from the De Wayne Bros Circus. The show is to be aired this fall.

The Wallace & Rogers Circus reportedly will be at the PNE in Vancouver, BC in late August.

George-Matthews Circus had snow, rain and cold weather in Laramie (June 10) and played without its tent .



## AN EYE-PLEASER

Recent reports about the Hubert Castle Circus indicate that attendance has been up and record grosses have been recorded. Last month the show had un-its playing dates in: Sesskatchewen (May 14-16); Winnipeg (May 4-11) and Thunder Bay (May 13-16).

At Regina attendance totaled 32,600; while some 96,116 people attended the show at Winnipeg, a new record. Princess Margaret and Lord Snowden visited the circus at Winnipeg, where a documentary was filmed by the Canadian Broadcasting Co.

Acts appearing on the Regina show included:

Joe Hartman - lions and tigers  
Clowns - target practice  
Anita Amandi - aerial web  
Rebecca MacCausland - trapeze  
Belinda Amandi - aerial web  
The Patricks - balancing  
The Kolmedys - balancing  
The Bisbinis - balancing  
Ray Grant & Co. - illusions  
Bounding Plunketts - trampol'ns  
The Atoe Troupe - trampoline  
Anden's French Poodles (8)  
Gus, Ursula & Don - juggling  
Pat and Gwen - juggling  
Franacarro - head balancing  
Hans Zimmerman - elephants  
-- Intermission --  
The Flying Valentines  
The Clowns - hair growing gag  
The Great Segura - bounding rop

## Pot-Pourri

"Read" magazine of Jan. '74 (Zerex Pub. Co., 245 Long Hill Rd. Middletown, Conn.) has a story on Gunther Gebel-Williams and his animals.

The Ridgeway Circus (of Australia) elephant "Helen" died early this year. The bull was 15 years old and had been on the show several years.

The UPI recently pictured a circus lion playing at an ice rink. The photos were taken in Portland.



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Napoleone's Roman riders

# YEARS AGO

Back in 1857, while living near Omaha, Nebr., Erastus Beadle, who later published the well-known Beadle Dime Novels, reported that he visited the first circus to play the territory. The circus arrived on June 20th, his diary states, and gave three performances with clowns, tight rope walkers, tricks on horseback and wild animals. Unfortunately, Beadle forgot to record the name of the circus and no newspaper accounts of the show have been discovered.

Records show that in 1859 (at Brownville) the Davis and Crosbie show played in June, while Spalding & Rogers were in town that July.

Several shows came into Nebraska after the Civil war:--

Yankee Robinson at Platts-mouth in July 1865 and again in Sept. 1867.

Dan Costello Circus at Platts-mouth in May 1866.

Van Amberg at Fremont and Hooper in May 1880

The Barnum show at Fremont in 1880

O'Connor's Circus at Platts-mouth in June 1870 and again in Aug. 1871.

Forepaugh came to Nebraska in August 1885.

# YEARS AGO

July 3-4, 1921 - Pittsfield, Mass.

Ringling Bros. - Barnum & Bailey Circus

The show arrived here on Sunday and all but the big top was put up shortly after they came in. A big dinner was served for all show people on July 4th.

Their opening matinee was on Monday at 2 p.m., with the night show starting at 8 p.m., to good houses.

The cookhouse dept. and the horse tents were taken down and loaded by 7 p.m.

The menagerie and side show tents came down right after the night show got started.

The big top was down and all loaded on the wagons by 1:20 p.m. and the train was loaded about 2 a.m., pulling out at 3 a.m. for Albany, N. Y.

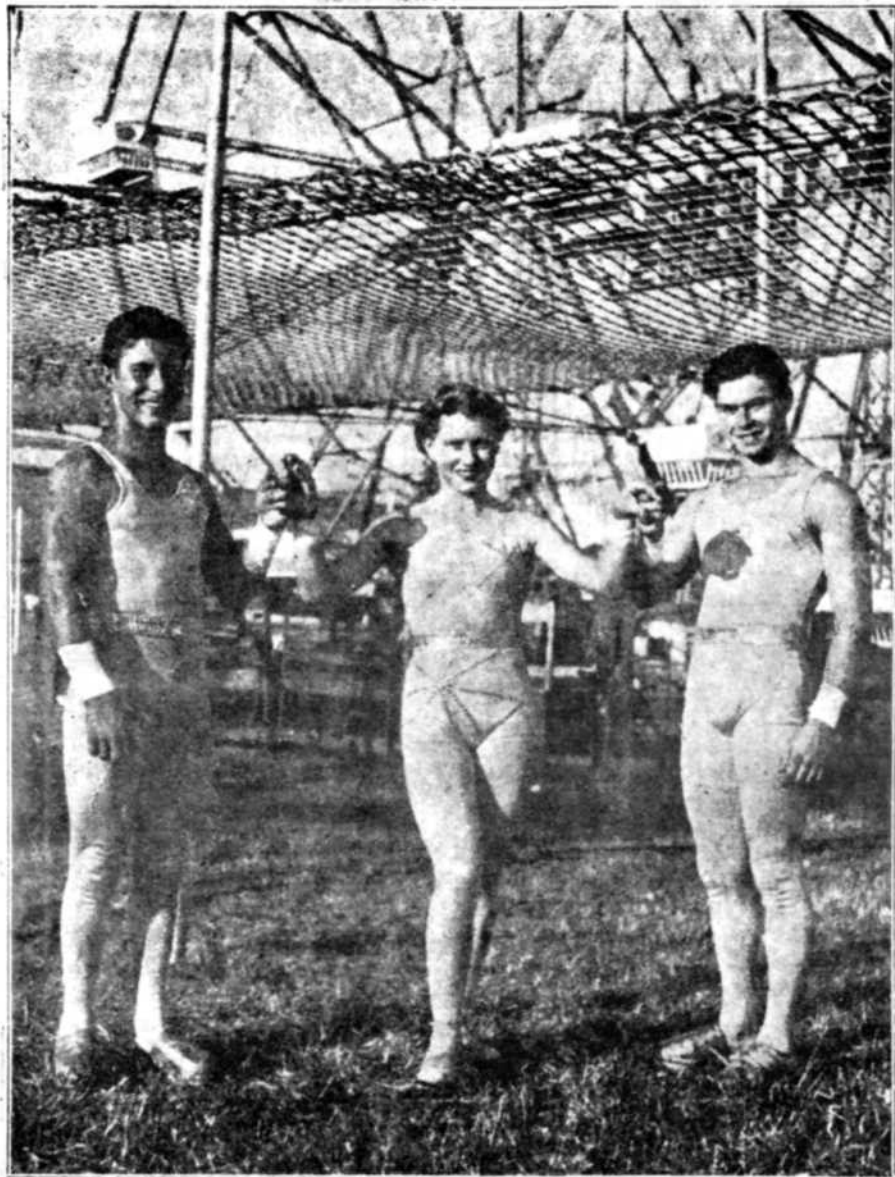
The Circus Report is for Fans and Show Folks.

Watch for it each week.



W. W. Cole was at Wahoo in June 1880; at Fremont in Aug. 1883; at Omaha in May 1884.

(Information for the above item was contributed by Bill Green).



The above picture, of The Flying Zacchini Trio, was taken in 1941. This act featured Duine, Egizio and George, all children of Edmondo Zacchini, who was famous for the Human Cannonball Act.

# people

DAVE REDDY, recently visited both Hoxie Bros. and Lewis Bros. at several Michigan dates.

POPO, the Clown, will go to Europe in July. He recently worked on a Sitmar Cruise ship and donated some circus items to the Bridgeport, Conn. Museum.

HUGO MARQUARDT is working at Simpson's Animal Park (Brunswick, Maine) for the summer season.

ERNIE BURCH (Blinko) is working hard on his campaign for President. He hopes to appear on

the Johnny Carson TV Show to further his campaign.

TIMMY BICKMORE is The Circus Report agent on the George Matthews Circus this season.

JIM HENRY, youngest son of Mr. & Mrs. GLEN HENRY, has joined the Lewis Bros. Circus as a mechanic.

JIMMY Troy (comedy aerialist) will play the fair at Fresno, Cal. this fall.

HARRY ROSS, clown, reports he will celebrate 56 years in show business this September.

FRANK PANISKO (Butte, Mont.) recently visited the RBBB offices in Washington, DC



## FINALE

HOWARD PADOWITZ, known as "Hoho, the Clown" on WTVJ-TV in Miami, Fla.

Padowitz shot himself early this month after killing his wife during an argument.

RAY WREN, formerly with the Kelly-Miller Circus.

He died at Hugo, Okla. on May 14th, of multiple stab wounds. He was 43.

Survivors included two sisters and two brothers. With burial in Hugo.

## doing okay

For about two weeks the Lewis Bros. Circus played in the Ohio area, and generally drew full to straw houses for each performance.

It is certainly a strong and entertaining show and I've been happy to help in its booking. We look forward to their show as part of the upcoming CFA Convention at Springfield, Ohio, this month.

..... Wendell Cultice

## a good one

Although the tour was a short one, every date for the "Trans-Continental Circus" was a successful one. The show was produced by Mark IV Productions and sponsors everywhere were pleased with it.

Among the acts on the program were: -

Simpson's Jungle cats  
 Marrin Lamberti - balance/juggle  
 The Benton Girls - unicycles/  
 and acrobats  
 Reul - foot juggler  
 Miss Magala - trapeze balance  
 Erv Lange - chimps  
 Bobby Lange Family - juggling  
 and acrobats.  
 Triska Troupe - high wire

A group from California were featured on the trampoline, with clowns doing the painter's gag.

..... Hugo Marquardt