



December 19, 1977

Third Section

Gibbs: "I Quit"

After working for 13 years as an independent act, Bobby Gibbs announced last week that he is going out of the business. Gibbs told CR that after he added up all the bills and trying to figure up all the new laws about animals and trucks he found it just wasn't worth it.

After completing dates in Texas on Nov. 5th, Gibbs took everything back to Dorey Miller in Hugo, Okla. The elephants had been on lease from Dorey for all these years.

All dates with Circus Gerard and other engagements in Texas have been cancelled. "I will try to work some dates with my dogs and ponies and try to book these acts on some shows for next year."

The announcement came suddenly, and was attributed in part to the fact that Rosa is not

well. Bob reports they are just taking it easy this month, trying to get calmed down, then he will look around for work.

Both Rosa and Bobby plan to leave for Mexico on Dec. 26th, going down to visit friends and relatives. They will return to the states sometime in early January.

In a letter to Gibbs, D. R. Miller said that all the elephants and equipment had been returned in first class shape and both parties had agreed to the decision. He went on to say that he would be happy to offer his best recommendations for Gibbs in any new venture that he might go into.



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.... Luke 2:11

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Circus Memories
Fryeburg, Maine

PEOPLE

JEFF CHALMERS has decided to return to the circus world for the 1978 season. He and two partners will present a wire act on the Sells & Gray Circus next year.

MICHON's wife recently was hospitalized for an operation. He works as a trainer for **JOHN CUNEO** and is putting the new cat acts together for the upcoming season.

JIM PARKER, secretary on Circus Vargas, also works some advance as a clown. He worked ahead of the show at Birmingham, Montgomery, Mobile and Macon.

LARRY PISONI's Pickle Family Circus worked a Dec. 4-5 engagement in Pasadena, Calif.

MERLE EVANS, LOU JACOBS, DANA NOVOTNY, ART CONCELLO, LUCIO and GILDA CRISTIANI, and MARY RUTH HERRIOTT were among the many recent visitors seen at the Show Folks Club in Sarasota, Fla.

THE SIKORSKYS, jugglers and unicyclists, have been booked by the Smithsonian Insti-

tute in Washington, DC. They will perform as roaming jugglers, in the Smithsonian's "Old Fashioned Christmas" display, in the Science and Industries Building, from Dec. 1 through Jan. 1st. They report bookings have been coming in well for the '78 season and this coming year they will present their juggling and unicycle acts, plus a new rolling globe act.



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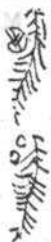
This is the Holiday Season and time for this reporter to thank all of those who contributed to this column with news and information during 1977. I hope that all items reported were accurate and for those who found we erred we apologize. No column is ever possible without the aid of readers throughout the country. When CR was first sent but there were those who said he couldn't last more than six months and now he is about to enter the start of his 7th year!

Dick Lunsford, who was with Fisher Bros. in '77 with a rope spinning act, comedy mule and plate spinning, stopped off in Monroe (La) at the La. Purchase Garden & Zoo to visit with Ken Benson. Dick was on his way back to Indiana. By the way, Ken would like to let his friends know that he's enjoying his winter at the zoo. "I have everything here you will find in a circus except the tent - it pays good, the hours are excellent."

In 1973 this reporter with the help of a Pastor in Florida tried to start a fund for Mary Gill, trapeze performer injured on RBBB. It never did get off the ground, although some donations came in. Recent news stories indicate that Mary has won a big claim against the circus. Fans will remember her as the petite little flyer from "Down Under."

As long as there are circuses and thrill acts there will be injuries, it's a part of the business. Recently Robert Rodriguez and Felipe Vasquez both members of the Rodriguez Troupe, were injured while performing with the Hubert Castle Circus. They weren't flying. They simply were waiting on the security net to climb up to the horizontal bars, when the net collapsed. The men fell 7 feet to the floor.

Mel Silverlake, former circus owner, is back in the Texas Valley after having his snake show on some Texas fairs, including the one at Dallas. He's reported to be building two more shows



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THE RUWILL'S

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YEARS AGO

Reid's European Shows, out of Schell, Va., in 1933, played in Virginia, Maryland, West Virginia, Ohio and the District of Columbia. The show had a big top and side show and carried 5 cages of animals. Admission prices were 10c with reserves 5c extra. The side show went for 5c.

for the coming year - for use on fairs. Mel told this reporter that he opened Fisher Bros. in '72, with \$8.00 in his pocket after he picked up his elephant.

It was previously reported that Hunts Circus was not going out in '78, but this reporter is pleased to announce that AB is carrying ads for Hunt's '78 season. So looks as if they will be back we're happy to report.

We were surprised to learn of the sudden death of Harry Lea Kingston's father, the day before Thanksgiving. Harry is a CFA and well known for his aid to all circuses and circus people in the Beaumont (Texas) area. He also provides White Tops with some fine photos.

..... M. L. Dupont

HOLIDAY GREETINGS

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..... JIM PARKER



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From HAROLD & BARBARA

NEW ADDRESS

The Voorheis Bros. Circus has expanded its public relations and advertising operation to a new downtown location in Saginaw, Mich. The show will not only conduct the circus public relations operations from the new location at 106 South Washington, but will replace the mailing address for the circus headquarters.

In addition to servicing the needs of the show in regards to news media, printed programs, news releases and publicity, the new office will also print for the general public. The new operation will be manned by Voorheis son, Jim, who comes from the sign and advertising business, having graduated from the Chicago Art School and who is presently active in his own sign studio in another city.

The new branch of the business will be known as Voorheis Advertising, a name familiar to various agency people for over three decades, as Col. Bill operated this business in Flint until eight years ago when he started the Voorheis Bros. Circus.

YEARS AGO

Ringling-Barnum Circus
Pittsfield, Mass. - 1933

May 14 - The Ringling-Barnum Circus train went through here today, enroute from Boston to Brooklyn, N. Y.

June 11 - The Ringling-Barnum Circus train went through here this morning going from Albany, N. Y. to Springfield, Mass.

The firm will have its own engraving equipment and has installed the latest A. B. Dick offset equipment, capable of handling sizes up to 11x17.

The 1978 season for Voorheis Bros. Circus opens Jan. 13th and will run into late October. The tented version of this medium sized circus will open in June of this year and runs through Labor Day, after which the fall tour, which has been popular in the state of Michigan, will make its annual trek north.



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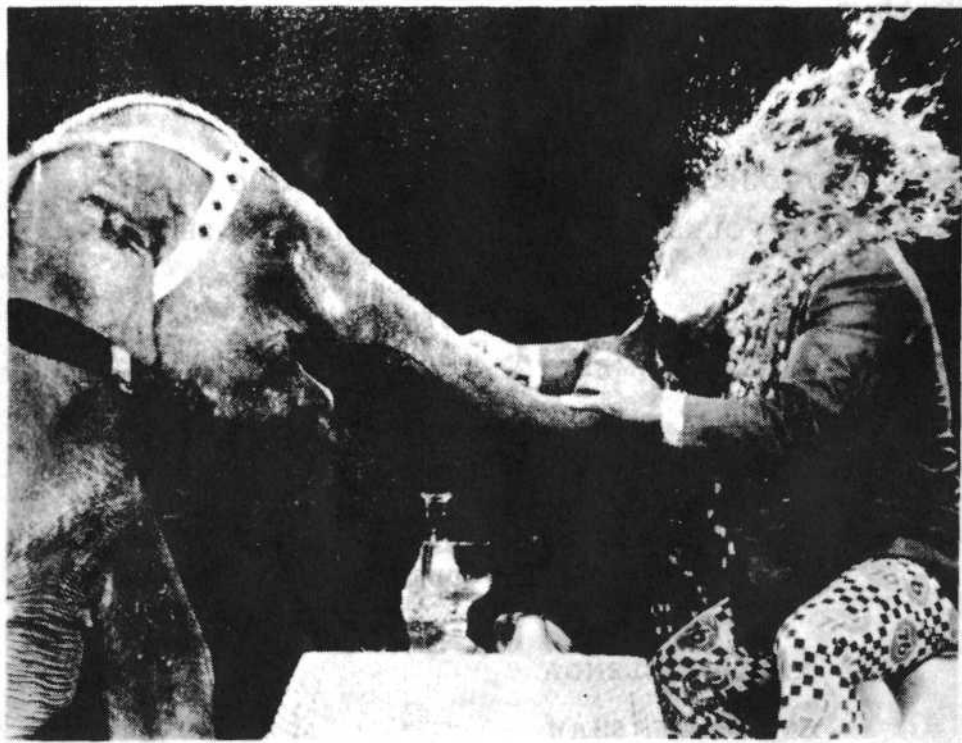
HUBERT CASTLE CIRCUS

IN 1978

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A HOLIDAY TOAST

from Dondi to her friends



DATES SIGNED FOR 1978

Feb. 1-5	Louisville, Ky.
Feb. 15-19	Wichita, Kansas
Feb. 21-26	Omaha, Nebr.
Mar. 7-12	Denver, Colo.
Mar. 16-19	Duluth, Minn.
Apr. 18-23	Omaha, Nebr.
Apr. 25-30	Lincoln, Nebr.
May 23-Sept. 5	Gurnee, Ill.

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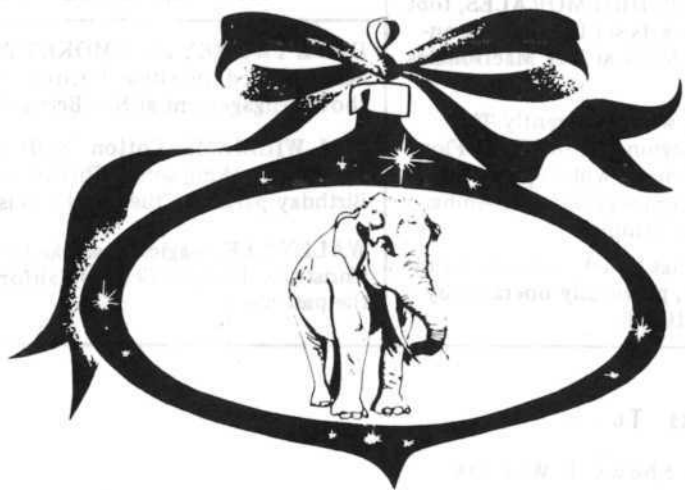
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Season's Greetings



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Thanks to Howard W. Schultz and Sam T. Polack for a good year.

PEOPLE

AL MEDRO and his dogs, the GREAT KORMPATES, high act and PEDRO MORALES, foot juggler are among the acts set to work the annual New Year's Eve Show at Rex MacDonalds Coliseum.

BILL KORMPATES, who is currently The Commander of the Legion of Honor, for Florida's Egypt Shrine Temple, will step down in January and then becomes permanent Ambassador at Large for the Temple.

ARTHUR LAMKIN has bought Johnnie's United Shows, a carnival, previously operated by JOHNNY PORTERMONT.

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BILL WILLIAMS (Cotton Candy the Clown) has been working some Christmas shows and Birthday parties in the San Francisco area.

WALLY LEE, magician, worked some special Christmas shows in Central California during the past week.

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REVIEW

Full of joy and good humor, the Royal Lichtenstein Quarter Ring Sidewalk Circus jumped across the Southeastern States in November, playing college campuses and shopping centers. Billing itself as "the world's smallest circus", this company of three performers put on an hour long program of mime, magic, juggling, escape and animal acts.

Nick Weber, a 37 year old Jesuit priest, and his two assistants, Mitch Kincannon and Jim Jackson, costumed in modified Elizabethan tunics and tights have created a fast paced show with a zanny medieval atmosphere. "I hope this is what Shakespeare saw when he went to the marketplace," said Weber.

With all rigging, props and animals, the show travels in a three-quarter ton van. Winterquarters is in San Jose, Calif. The performance is a fast paced potpourri of poetic patter and comical commentary underscoring traditional circus skills. With words and gesture, the talking clowns provide continuity and are the main attraction.

The 1977-78 edition of the Royal Lichtenstein Quarter Ring Sidewalk Circus program includes: Come-in - rice bowls and clown magic; Overture and Welcome; Stratosphere, Clown Tumbling; Telescope Gag; Dog Act, Jingles, the Blunder dog; Mime Fable, Sack Full of Joy; Balloon Routine, Needle through Balloon; Monkey act; Juggling of balls and hatchets; Table Cloth pulling gag; Balancing Act; Poodle ladder climb featuring Poppy, a recently acquired poodle from Joe Eddy on the Hoxie Bros. Circus; Mime Fable, Time; Escape Act; Rope Trick; Fire Eating; Cat Act, featuring Gunther, Gebel and Williams, a unique and unusual domestic cat

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YEARS AGO

John M. Willander's Circus of 1933 played in Texas, New Mexico, Kansas, Illinois, Iowa, Missouri and Nebraska. The show carried 32 horses, plus a variety of other animals. Admission prices were 10c and 25c

act named for the famed Ringling-Barnum animal trainer; Dove Finale.

The performance is a creative blend of modern and medieval fantasy. The Royal Lichtenstein Circus offers an invitation to people in over structured environments to sit down and play. Working the sophisticated and critical college audience, this little show encourages persons to relax and laugh, while regaining a feeling of wonder and open-mindedness about life and faith. The message is subtle and poetic making the Royal Lichtenstein a circus for grownups as well as for children.

..... JIM PITTS



Christmas Greetings

TO ALL OUR FRIENDS AND A VERY SPECIAL "THANK YOU" TO MR. CLIFFORD E. VARGAS FOR AN ENJOYABLE 1977 SEASON.

.... JIM and SANDY WINDLAND



Best Wishes for a HAPPY HOLIDAY

To all my circus friends
past and future from
DONNI

Elephants

The listing of elephants contained in this issue of Circus Report were compiled by Roy "Sabu" Moreau, of Niagara Falls, N. Y., and Bobby Gibbs, of Mission, Texas. The information is correct to Nov. 5, 1977 only.

CARSON & BARNES CIRCUS

Kay	Libby
Barbara	Isla
Nellie	Betty
Suzie	Gus
Connie	Mona
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Kelly	Amy
Tracy	Opal
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Lisa	Ruby
Alta	Hugo
Viola	Kenny
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Lilly	Brenda
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Acts Named

The program for the "Holiday Magic Circus" which opened its winter run at Charlotte, N. C., on Nov. 17th, featured:

Overture; Eastwood's Express, unicycles; Popcorn, the Clown, newspaper gag; Paulette's Peerless Puppies, dogs; Color Book Pitch; Rex True, King of the Jungle, lion act; Popcorn, juggling gag; Miss Sheba, Congo & Congolito, comedy gorilla number; Intermission.

In the second half were: Master Wally Eastwood, juggling; Popcorn, the toothache gag; Balloon Pitch; Chandler & Linda, illusions; the Finale with the entire cast.

The show ran one and a half hours, carried its own concessions and drew business that was up 50% over the previous year. In some towns it was necessary to present an additional performance.

Show staff included: Sid Bernstein and Ray MacMahon, contracting agents; Phil Chandler, company manager; Daryl Bleisner, concession manager; Tom "Popcorn" Sink, producing clown; Maddy Serio, musical director and Butch Capo, prop boss.

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YEARS AGO

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