



December 19, 1977

Fourth Section

DOGS FOR DEAF

Once again man and dog are proving to be the best of friends. Through an American Humane Association program in Denver, Colo., over 40 dogs - rescued from local shelters and pounds - have been given homes in return for the job of "hearing" for the deaf and partially deaf.

Potential recipients specify three sounds - such as an alarm clock, doorbell and telephone - they need the dog to identify. They may also express their preference as to the size and the personality. (Dogs as small as Yorkshire ter-

riers and as large as German shepherds are currently on the job). Then a program trainer and a veterinarian search out appropriate dogs.

After basic training, head trainer Agnes McGrath delivers the dog to its new home, where she spends four or five days to conduct in-house training. "

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Circus Report
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..... From M. L. DUPONT - DODO The Clown

TO ALL OUR MANY FRIENDS



A Merry Christmas
and
A Happy New Year

Toby, Sue and Tara Styles
Toronto, Ontario

DOGS FOR DEAF (Continued)

I offer instruction in its care and handling. The dog learns to transfer its attention - and affection - to the new master and to apply what it has learned to the home."

Not only are the deaf recipients more pleased with their dogs' performances than with the alternative system of flashing lights to identify certain sounds, but many say that their dogs give them a feeling of security."

Unfortunately, it takes more than four months to train 20 dogs, and the waiting list is growing rapidly. In the future, Robert White, the program's director, hopes to fill more requests by developing additional training centers throughout the country.

The problem is funding. It costs \$1,800 to train each dog, plus the cost of travel for the trainer and dog to go to the recipient's home. (The deaf and hearing-impaired receive their dogs without charge).

The program depends entirely upon grants and contributions for its support. Readers who wish to make a donation or who want more information may write: Hearing Dog Program, 5351 South Roslyn St., Englewood, Colorado 80110.

THANKS FOR A WONDERFUL
1977 SEASON TO
SAM T. POLACK
and
EDDIE ZACCHINI

And Our Return for the 1978 Season

MERRY CHRISTMAS to all our
friends in the circus world and all
the Best in 1978.

JOHN Mac KAY (Yoho the Clown)

LES SCHMITT (Backwards the Clown)

Important Note!

The listing of elephants in this issue is only a portion of the total number of performing elephants in the country today. The full and complete list of these elephants will appear in an upcoming issue of Circus Report.

Also coming soon is the musical program revue for the Circus Kirk which has been playing in the south for the first time.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS
and a
HAPPY NEW YEAR
To All

Season's Greetings

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CLOWNS OF AMERICA, INC.
CIRCUS FAN GREAT BRITAIN
HONORARY CLOWN
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Seasons Greetings

To all Circus People and Circus Fans. We wish you a "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year".

Ron Sanford
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Bill Green
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In Memoriam

EDDIE B. DULLUM, veteran circus clown, died at the Veterans Hospital in Long Beach, Calif., on Nov. 29th after a long illness. Edie was popular with circus people and fans everywhere and had appeared on most of the major shows in the country. He will be long remembered for his "Miss America" clown walk-around.



JOHN JOHNSON (89) who was known as the "Great Johnson" during his long vaudeville and circus career, died Nov. 29th at the Jersey City Medical Center in Jersey City, N. J. As an acrobatic contortionist he worked for many years on the Keith Vaudeville Circuit and later spent many years with the Barnum & Bailey Circus. He was also featured in Ripley's "Believe It Or Not" as the only man who could maintain his balance, feet outstretched, while sitting on top of a glass with a 2 1/4" diameter.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS — HAPPY NEW YEAR

I Wish

by STEVE MITCHELL

What with modern technology and a horde of volunteer searchers, I suppose it is inevitable that Colonel, the elephant, will be recaptured soon - indeed, may be back in chains by the time this reaches print.

Nevertheless, I cling to the hope that the 14 year old, 7000 lb bull elephant will remain free in the wild grasslands west of Lake Okechobee. My stand is unequivocal on this matter. As long as he poses no threat to the few people in this area, I support the elephant.

I know, I know. The elephant is worth a considerable sum of money to Circus Vargas, from whence he escaped. I assume the circus has insurance to cover such eventualities. If they do not, they should have. Ask any insurance man and he'll tell you the same thing.

I submit that this elephant has captured the hearts and minds of people all over this area. I will go further and say I believe some of those who are searching for him on the vast

Lykes Brothers range secretly hope he won't be found.

There is something infinitely appealing to me about Colonel's bold bid for freedom. I hate to see anything in chains or cages, especially dumb animals who have done nothing to deserve it. I can understand why the Chinese used to buy wild birds in cages purely for the pleasure of setting them free.

Dammit, freedom is not just another word for nothing left to lose. It's one of the most important things there is. Scary, yes, but important. This country fought a revolution to get it, remember?

I believe Colonel, inarticulate though he is, shares my feelings. He seems to be single-minded in his quest for life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness and he has certainly proved to be elusive.

Some claim to have heard his trumpeting and a plane spotted him Wednesday morning, Colonel was standing in a shallow pond deep in the

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WALLY NAGHTIN

..... Larry and Jan

I WISH (Continued)

vast savanna, blowing water into the air with his trunk. It must have been a breath-taking sight, and I wish I could have seen it.

Since then, the posse of deputies, wildlife officers, cowboys, circus employees and reporters have seen neither hide nor hair of the huge but wily Burmese pachyderm.

He is believed to be thriving in his new habitat. "There's wild, sour orange (trees) all in there," said a Lykes employee. "Sugarcane and grasslands as far as you can see. He's probably sitting in there gorging himself."

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SEASON'S
GREETINGS

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Minions of Circus Vargas tried one of the oldest ploys in the book later in the week when they stationed a comely young female elephant named Judy at the site of Colonel's escape. They may have reasoned that Colonel, who is an adolescent in elephant terms, would succumb to Judy's charms and walk right into their trap.

It didn't work, either because Colonel was nowhere near the area or because he preferred freedom to sexual security. I favor the latter explanation myself, and feel there is a lesson there somewhere for all of us.

My heart soars like the red-tailed hawk when I think of this noble animal roaming free and untrammled under the cobalt-blue Florida sky, eating, sleeping and trumpeting joyously whenever it pleases him to do so.

Maybe it won't last. Good things seldom do. But even if they catch you, Colonel, you had a sweet tates of freedom and you gave them a hell of a run for their money.



SEASON'S
GREETINGS

To Our Many Friends

- from -

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JOHN GOODALL, JR.

1978 SEASON OPENS JAN. 13

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Show Report

Circus Kirk came into the South for the first time this past month and we found they had a very enjoyable show. During their engagement at Warner Robbins, Ga., my friend Orville La Rose was able to compile the show's musical program. The show is going to winter in Florida and then will start their 1978 tour early in January.

Circus Vargas played at Macon, Ga., where the days were warm, but the nights got pretty cool. While here they had some generator trouble and one night had to depend on the small units carried by various show personnel.

As a result they had to cut some of the acts in the performance, but they still put on a good program.

..... Paul E. Fitzpatrick

Xmas Show

The show presented at Austin, Texas, for the Central City Lions Club was produced by Bob Atterbury on Dec. 3-4. Music was provided by Marie Loter on the organ and Bobby Gibbs handled the announcements.

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Clowns on the show included: Wm. Slater (Pepe), Rollo, Molly and Harvey.

WISHING YOU A VERY

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..... JOSHUA SILVER

The Band

Members of the band with Circus Kirk, on the show's tour of the south included the following people:

L. P. Perkins - director and trumpet
John Di Gionovanne - percussion
Charles Mackely, III - 2nd trumpet
Jackie Carter - French Horn
Brett Carter - Trombone
James Judkins - ringmaster



Season's
Greetings

STU and SARA MILLER

The Circus

Get up you lazy people, there's a circus here in town

Can't you hear the steam piano, and the old trucks roll around?

You will hear the roar of lions, see the long-necked, tall giraffe, while the funny clowns are tumbling,

Trying to make the people laugh.

They are shouting peanuts here, peanuts there, lemonade and hot dogs are sending perfume through the air.

Don't you want to see an olive beauty, while flutter, flutter, flutter, there's many a pretty fluttering butterfly.

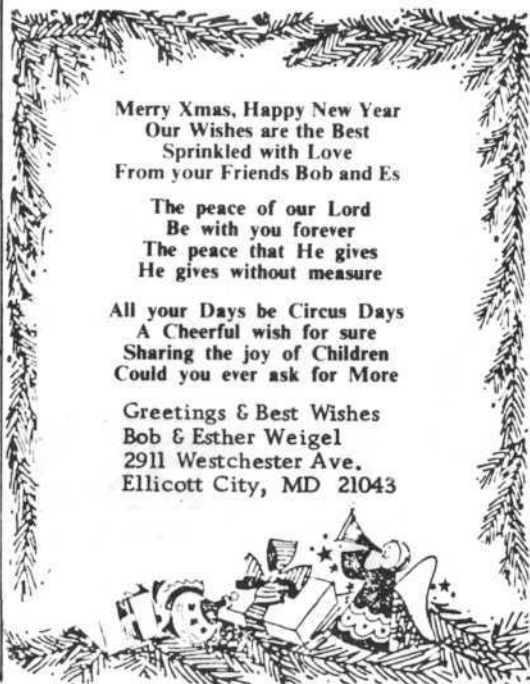
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Step up to time, fall along in line,

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..... Alice Ogier



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SEASON'S GREETINGS

To All My Circus Friends

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Miscellaneous

The Kings Mountain K.O.A. looked like a circus backyard recently. Acts from the Holiday Magic Circus were staying there, when the show folks from Garden's Showtime Follies pulled into the grounds. They included John and Tina Hansen and family; Don Phillips & Co.; Joe and Geogi Smiley, illusion act; Diane Wilson, seals; Sharon Vidbel and her new husband Jack Burt; Florine and Wes Oler; Phil and Chris Oler. Every one spent Thanksgiving together.

Tina Hansen and Linda Chandler spent their time making curtains, while Phil Chandler and Joe Smiley talked magic. The John Albertis visited son Mario who was on Holiday Hippodrome which was playing close by, while Wally Eastwood traded juggling secrets with Don Phillips.

In the meantime Tom Sink was cleaning and polishing his trailer and truck, and Dorian Blake and his wife were frequent visitors.

Mailroom

Issues of Circus Report were returned this past week marked "Incorrect Address" if anyone has information about the correct address for the following we'd appreciate hearing from you.

The mail is addressed to:

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Elephants

REX WILLIAMS

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(Recently sold to Circus Vargas)

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PEOPLE

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BEATRICE MOYNIHAN, DOROTHY CHAPMAN, GRACE IVANOV, JANE JOHNSON and GENEVIEVE PORTER were on the committee which awarded scholarships from the Showfolks of Sarasota to high school graduates entering college in the fall. Receiving awards were Anne Elizabeth Star, Carole Ann Blue, John Linzel, Susan Gardner, Jeremy King Taylor and Edward Nicholas.

Elephants

GEE GEE ENGESSER	CLYDE BROS. No. 1
Gee Gee	Mary
Schell	Roxy
	Sue
	Margie
MURRAY HILL	CLYDE BROS. No. 2
Onyx	Judy
Dutchess	Tory
	Vickie
	Jenny
KING BROS.	AL VIDBEL
Konti	Daffodil
Ola	Dandelion
Jackie (Sold to Zoo)	SELLS & GRAY
	Bessie
	Topsy

Happy Holidays to all and

BEST WISHES FOR A GREAT '78

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