



5th Year

December 20, 1976

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N. O. Date Set

Enthusiastic nobles and patrons have called this year's New Orleans Jerusalem Temple Shrine Circus "the best ever." Business throughout the show's run was "very good" despite cold, rainy weather and extensive repair work underway on the main traffic lanes leading into the auditorium.

The show was produced by Tommy Hanneford, executive producer of Hanneford Circus, Inc., He has, according to reports, been given the okay to produce the Temple's 1977 circus.

This year's show featured a Bi-centennial spec, designed and executed by Philip Morris and the in-person appearance of characters from 20th Century's "Planet of the Apes."

The program line-up included: An opening "Razzle Dazzle" number; Ta-

jana's tigers; the Astros, aerial motorcycle; magic display with Signor Rai, Vincent Carman and Terry Morris; Wally & Cheryl, clowns; Irene Fosset's chimps; Kay Lena's doves; Sanger's Riding Academy; "Salute to Hollywood" aerial ballet; Sir Victor Julian, dogs;

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Donation

The Helen G. Bonfils Memorial Trust recently made a \$50,000 contribution to Denver's St. Mary's Hospital fund drive. The funds are to be used for equipment in a new wing of the hospital.

The lobby of the new wing will be named in honor of Miss Bonfils, who died in 1972. She was chairman of the board and secretary for the Denver Post.

Miss Bonfils' father, F. G. Bonfils and his partner, H. H. Tammen, owned the Post and were the men who started Sells-Floto Circus.

OLD LAWS

A few of the old strange laws in this country are
 Every animal out on the streets in Berea, Ohio, after dark must wear a tail light.

Crocodiles may not be tied to a fire hydrant in the state of Michigan.

Elephants in Natchez, Miss., are not permitted to drink beer.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

For God so loved the world
 that He gave his only begotten son

John 3:16

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Circus Memories



Holiday Greetings

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ROUTES

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Emmett Kelly, Jr. Circus
Dec. 22-24 Washington, DC
26-30 Tarrytown, N. Y.

John Strong Xmas Circus - Midwest
Dec. 20 San Diego, Calif.
21 San Bernardino
22 Garden Grove
--- End of Tour ---

John Strong Xmas Circus - West
Dec. 20 Oakland, Calif.
21 Fremont
22 Salinas
--- End of Tour ---

Carnival of Brazil
Jan. 3-30 New York, N. Y.
--- End of Tour ---



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

To All Circus Folks
and Circus Fans
from
ALLEN BABCOCK

Ken Griffin Show (Magic)
Dec. 28-Jan. 4 Hollywood, Calif.
Holiday on Ice
Dec. 26-Jan. 2 San Francisco, Calif.

Ice Follies
Dec. 25-Jan. 9 Philadelphia, Pa.

Prof. Miller & Co. (Magic)
Dec. 26-28 Westbury, L.I., N.Y.
29-30 Devon, Pa.

Wizard of Oz Show
Dec. 21-Jan. 2 Philadelphia, Pa.

HOLIDAY GREETINGS

TO ALL

Fans and Circus People

FROM

GRACE WECKWERTH

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Circus Fans of America
Circus Fans of Great Britain
Circus Historical Society
Clowns of America, Inc.
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BILLY BARTON.....

IT'S GOOD NEWS to hear that the Empress of the White Tops, the Clyde Beatty-Cole Bros. Circus will assuredly be back on the road next season, and that snowballing rumors to the contrary amount to exactly that - now melted rumors.

KENNY FELD guested on the DINAH SHORE show on Nov. 15.....KEN CLAYTON and his wife are expecting an heir....AL & SUE DAWLEY are back from a vacation in the islands....GEE GEE's Cossack Elephants return to CLAUDE DuBOIS' Circus World where Gee Gee will also have the elephant and pony rides....ANTONUCCI's Chimps cut-up on "Holiday Hippodrome" where the EASTWOODS are giving their new unicycle act a "railroad" theme, including a miniature engine and caboose as props....EDDY & JULIE VENTURA plan to unveil their new hanging perch act sometime next season. Eddy takes his Crater Crash back to CARDEN-JOHNSON....PETEY KINOSH returns to the RBBB Concession Dept...."BOBO" ZOPPE is recovering from a serious illness....THE EARLS' "Bonnie & Clyde Musical Novelty" opened Dec. 14 at Naples (Fla) at the WITCHES BREW for a 5 week run....BILL BRICKLE made the BOB SNOWDEN dates and BILLY RODGERS was with RUDY JACOBI's East Coast Xmas shows....ANITA KEPPO & TOM DESIMINI tie the knot Jan. 8....ED RUSSELL is working in Universal's new flick ROLLER COASTER....GEORGE HODGSON (Hoxie Office Mgr) vacationed on Martha's Vineyard....KIM KRISTENSEN entered college to obtain his A.A. Degree but first joined LILLI & SVEND on Xmas dates in Ohio who were themselves joined by Sir VICTOR JULIAN and PHIL & FRANCINE....TEDDY STEWART has completed his first hand-made gorilla suit and mask -- very life-like!

JERRY LIPKO will play the SAM T. POLACK dates. "No more chimps in the U. S. as of Dec. 18," he sez...BABY DONDI, the Schacht's precocious pachyderm appears at the Great American Park in Gurnee (Ill) for the summer....Great American and Hoxie Bros. Circuses will retain their '76 big tops, but the Hoxie top has been thoroughly reconditioned by Leaf....GEORGE CORONA is perfecting an unusual routine involving a unicycle on a space wheel....BIG TOPics, the Circus World in-house newsletter made its first appearance in Nov....EMIL & DEBBIE GOETCHI's new Great American Circus Directory left the starting gate and is off and running. We hope it comes home a winner.

A big hand for a little lady: Veteran agent ROSE ADAIR who has watched the great, the near great and the not so great, come and go and who, despite rain or snow or dark of night, never fails on her appointed rounds.

DOWN RUMOR ROAD: That GATTI-CHARLES may put out a second unit - under canvas...That MIMI ZERBINI may spice the aerial line-up on Sells & GrayThat SID KELLNER is disposing of his G-M Circus. If that rumor becomes fact you can bet son MATT, whose love of tents borders on the fanatic, will continue to "follow the arrows."

CHAPPIE FOX was guest speaker at the EMMETT KELLY CFA Tent's 33rd anniversary banquet....DON & INGA WOODS are back at their Ruskin quarters selling off horse vans. They plan a trip to Europe in March....PAUL MacCAUSLAND, former Flying Armor's catcher, is now catching the FLYING CARROLLS at Circus Circus....KARL WALLEND, a dinner guest of the Queen of England recently, holds "open

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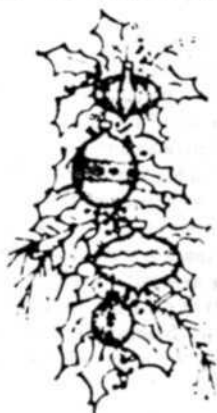
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HANNEFORD REPORT (Continued)

The Quassars.; The Flying Dells; The Winn's;
The Riding Hannefords, with Tommy; Satani
Demon; Hanneford's elephants; Dianos ele-
phants; the Hernandez Troupe; the Vickinas;
Zerbini Bros.; Eddie Ventura and the "Flags of
All Nations" finale.

Executive staff included: Tommy Hanneford,

executive producer; Glenn Parkins, executive
director; Signor Rai, ringmaster; Philip Morris,
spec producer; Charles Schlarbaum, musical
director; Ernie McClean, vocalist; Dwight Han-
son, props; Wally Jones, producing clown; Har-
old Katzu, animal supt.; Jack Smith, office
manager and Janet Bailey, secretary.



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INJURED

Clown Mike Naughton suffered a concussion when he was knocked unconscious during his comedy painters act.

As usual, the "paint" was concocted outside the building almost three hours before it was to be used. The dozen buckets of paint froze solid in the 18 degree temperature.

In a last minute program change the buckets were rushed into the ring — unnoticed was the fact that the "paint" had turned to ice.

When Pat Bissonette threw the first bucket at Mike, the frozen block of paint hit him square in the face, knocking him out.

Mike was hospitalized, but released later that same day.

Santas working for the Sears stores must all attend a company school for instruction in behavior and other related subjects.

Merry Christmas

*to all who shared the G-M season with me,
especially Linda, Eric, Dave, Bullett and
Shell, Bobby and Billy, Peter and His Amazing
Calculating Watch, Big Ned, Gary Sax, and their
Lieder, Mr. Perry, Zippo and Harry, and of course
the man in the Cincinatti Reds Batter's Helmet.*

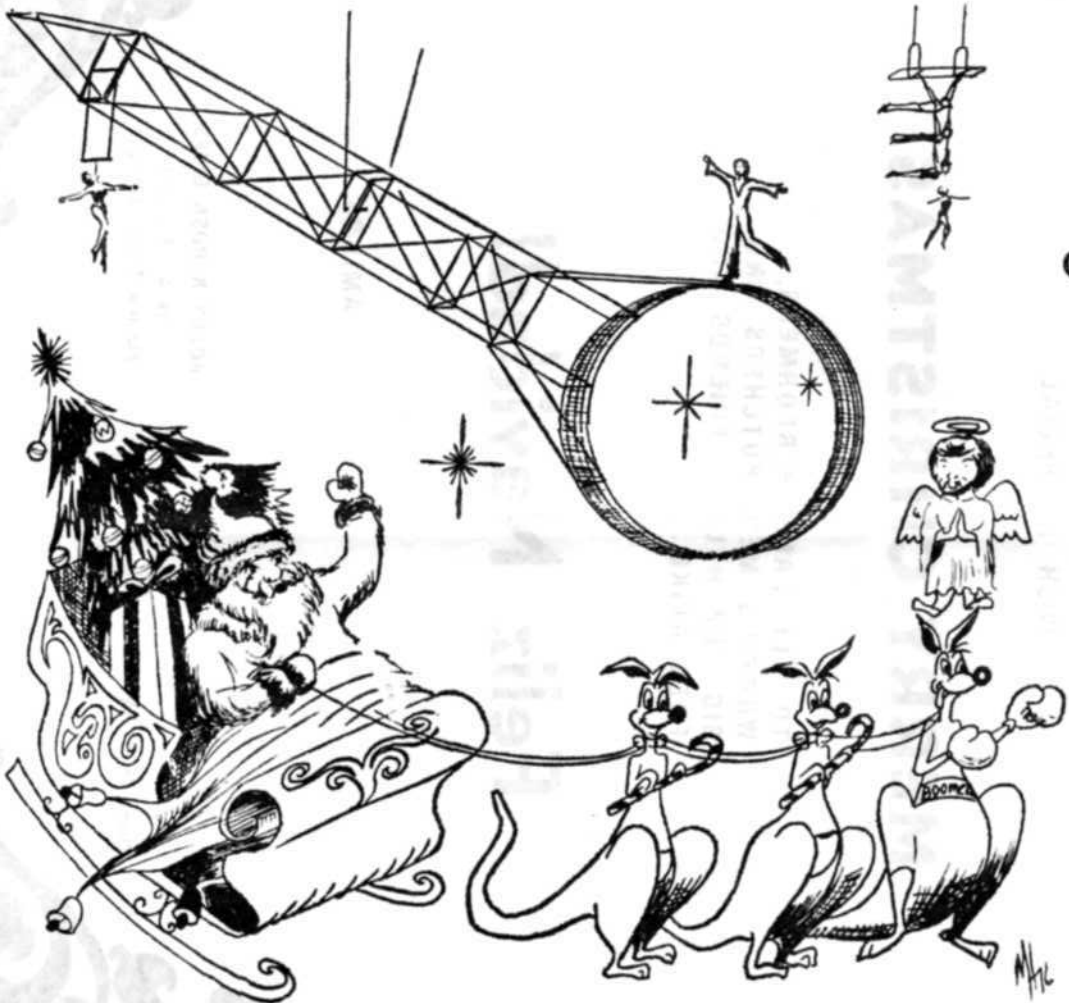
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Love from Mary the Clown*

P.S. What's for Dinner, Lee?

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TOM INABINETTE

BILLY BARTON (Continued)

house" every afternoon at 4. During the Holidays you can't find crawl-space....SID & MATT KELLNER were spotted working concessions at the PAL Circus.... TRUDY has made BILL new wardrobe for the Quasar act - a FLASH GORDON.....SAM POLACK has added New Orleans and Duluth to his '77 route.

DAREDEVIL STEVE McPEAK will attempt to ride a 41 ft. unicycle on the high wire, hoping to achieve a world's record, all of which will be seen on ABC-TV's "6th David Frost Presents the Guinness Book of Records" which sounds like a record in itself!

The Movie contract JERRY LIPKO is involved in seems to be getting the Green Light, and GAYLORD MAYNARD is gearing himself for his plum role in Paramount's "Dr. Jekyll and P. W. Grant".....An aerial act combination is filing suit against a tent show over a broken contract.....MARLENE & ARTHUR GROTEFENT celebrated their 12th wedding anniversary - says Marlene: "A lot of water has rolled off the big top since then." (I guess!).

The colorful posters designed for CIRCUS ODYSSEY are unique and original and extremely eye-catching..... Woman's Lib makes its mark: Famous Hunt will carry an all-girl clown alley headed by MARY WISE and BARBARA HUNTER and CAROL GILLETTE..... MARSHA HUNT had her elephant ride and petting zoo at shopping centers in New Jersey and told me she finally moved the REVLON GIRLS (her pet lambs) to the barn and they're very happy about it!...Husband DON JONES made the Fair Convention in Las Vegas....VENO VENITO is set for the Circus Odyssey run in Puerto Rico.

NOW! I'VE HEARD EVERYTHING: Near the end of the Sells & Gray tour GARY THOMAS worked the elephant act wearing a pale blue satin suit ANDon a skateboard!

Have a Merry, Merry! And I'll see you under the mistletoe, luvs



Season's Greetings

I WISH TO THANK THE FOLLOWING PERFORMERS
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