



SECTION 4

December 20, 1976

The New Format

Current plans, via reports from Florida, reveal the Clyde Beatty-Circus will open its 1977 season during the second week of April, retaining its present full title and the bulk of performing talent carried with the show in 1976.

The booking format, however, has been totally revamped. Beatty will play 3 and 4 day dates (perhaps longer) and principally in shopping centers. This is a major departure for a show that has played one day stands for the most part during its long season.

There are strong indications that a dramatic reshuffling of the staff is imminent: otherwise everything remains the same, including the first-class band, helmed by Charles Bertini.

As for the sister shows: King-Cole will have a new performance featuring a flying act, a cat act and apparently a great deal of Mexican talent, under a 90x200 push-pole top. King-Cole opens in Brunswick (Ga) on April 10th and will appear in larger cities than it has in the past several seasons. James Monroe has been named the King-Cole side show manager.

Hagen-Wallace, Sells & Gray will be the first of the three shows out of the barn, opening at Tampa on April 3rd. Elephant man Gary Thomas takes over as canvas boss on the big top which was used by King this past season. H-W, S&G side show manager Henry Thompson will begin painting the new titles on trucks in February.

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HOLIDAY GREETINGS
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'77 Plans

Plans are now mushrooming for the 1977 tour of Puck's Traveling Circus, a Canadian show that tours throughout the Province of Ontario, playing shopping centers, special events; all stands of five days or more. The circus will appear for its third straight year at the CNE, under the big top, and under sponsorship.

Puck's Circus is partially funded by Winterio, a Provincial Lottery, and is set-up as a "non-profit foundation". Its eventual goal is to be Canada's National Circus.

"This aspect of the show," Frazier Mohawk told CR, "is not publicized and, naturally, all the people involved in the circus, staff, performers, etc., are paid a salary."

Puck's Circus uses a 60 ft. round top with one 30 ft. middle, and is now setting its performance for the new season. Returning will be Rumpy, the Clown, and possibly Les Weldons, a French act, who do trapeze, balancing and a gorilla parody.

Frazier Mohawk revealed to CR that the Quebec



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situation in Canada is indeed unstable, that they are watching it very closely, and also that there have been "trials over the phone promotions", a situation that is by no means cooling down. Mohawk also told CR that at least eight circuses tour Ontario, most of which are American shows. He was highly complimentary of Cliff Vargas and and Circus Vargas, a show he says that "helps us all."

..... Billy Barton



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The Fisher Bros. Circus is wintering at Ruskin, Florida, and for their 1977 season they plan to carry a cat act.

A new show called Mexican International Circus is being prepped in Texas for an opening in early April of 1977.

Circus Vargas will open its 1977 tour with a four day stand at the Lenox Square Shopping Center in Atlanta, Ga., starting on Jan. 7th.

NEW FORMAT (Continued)

Fred Logan had only a few days off before taking the Beatty bulls to a Puerto Rico Christmas date for Jimmy Herrington. Word has been received of an old-time billing war erupting in that country between the Herrington and the new Circus Odyssey, which opens there in February.

Sells & Gray manager Wilson Storey's station wagon was destroyed by fire enroute from DeLand to his home in Sarasota.



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The Fabulous Fanatans are vacationing in Ireland....Clown Tom Sink will debut the Hair Dresser on Hoxie Bros. next season....Phil and Linda Chandler are planning to buy a "white tiger" for their illusion show....The Barrymores unveiled an entirely sequined camel blanket for their parody on Circus Cortina, a school show... Barry Miller's double gorilla parody confused Barry so much he didn't know which gorilla was to attack the "plant"....The Bissonette's plan a gala New Year Eve party featuring Mary's fantastic food.
..... Mike Naughton

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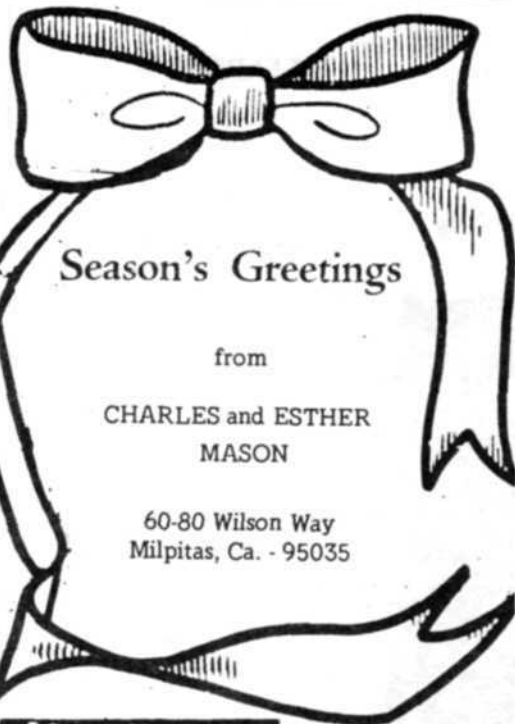


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DAVE SADLER is the magician being featured with the "Ice Capades" which calls its current show "It's Magic Time."

COCO, the Clown and HARRY ALBACKER teamed up for a show at Pittsburgh, Pa., that was called "Wonderful World of Children." the program, presented on Nov. 1st, attracted a jammed-packed house.

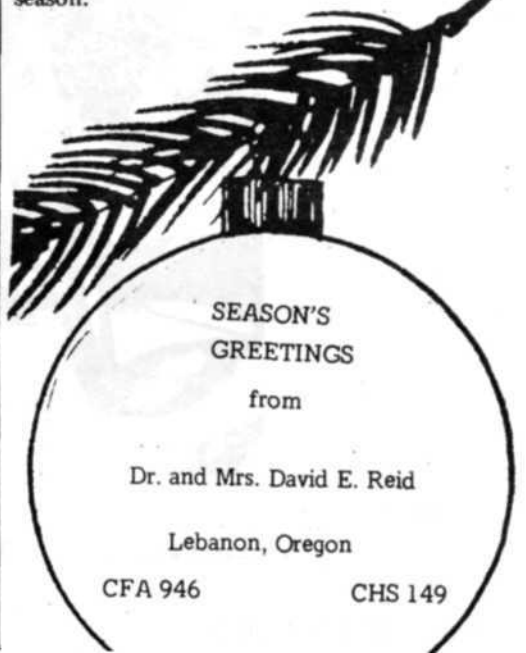
STEVE THOMAS, a McDonald Clown, has been touring his own show "Grande Illusion" in the New England States.

ADELLE & GORY, gorilla parody on Circus Vargas this past season, will be touring with the Carden-Johnson Circus in '77.

MARCO, the Magic Clown, has been busy with Christmas dates in Rhode Island.

SEÑOR ANTONIO, head balancing trapeze star, will dash to Berlin for three weeks early next year.

MIKE and PATTI WUDTKE have signed with the Sells & Gray Circus for the coming season.



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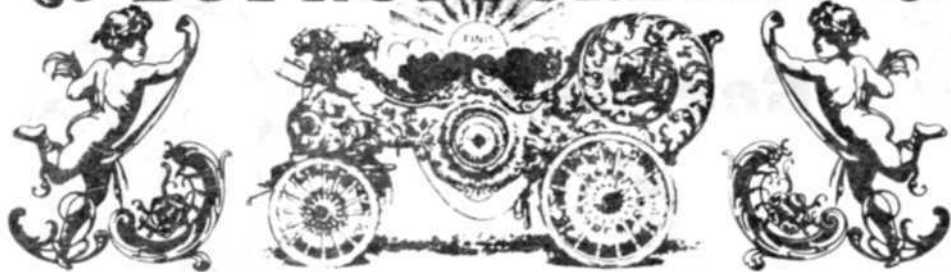
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