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Death at the Circus

Tragedy struck during the night performance of RBBB's Blue Unit at Fresno (Calif.) on Sept. 28th. Some 5,800 spectators watched in stunned silence as aerialist Brenda (Jones) Cuttin fell 60 feet to the arena floor.

The accident occurred during the aerial motorcycle act performed by Brenda Cuttin and Elvin Bale. Mrs. Cuttin performed on a trapeze suspended below the motorcycle. It was her first week with the act as she had just joined, replacing Paula Cleveland, who stopped performing to await the birth of a baby.

An eyewitness at the circus told CR, "the performers were revolving around the cable when the girl must have slipped, for she just came right off the trapeze". (Continued on Page 13)

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The recently introduced amendment to the Endangered Species Act will exempt all captive born endangered wild life from interstate commerce, import and export restrictions. The Bill No. H.R.-15151, sets forth specific amending clauses to the Endangered Species Act.

At this time a great deal of work and support is needed to see that the bill is passed. Two letters need to be written now!

1 - Write: The Hon. Sam Stieger, 2432 Rayburn Office Bldg Washington, DC 20515. Thank him for his support of the National Congress of Animal Trainers and Breeders and request his continuing efforts towards passage of the amendment.

2 - Write: The Subcommittee on Fisheries and Wildlife Conservation and the Environment, at Longworth House Office Bldg., Washington, DC 20515. Please request that the bill H.R.-15151 be assigned for a hearing date as soon as possible.

In Memoriam

AIMO LEIKAS (29) circus performer, died at Hartola, Finland on Sept. 10th. He died instantly while performing his Russian roulette act when a live shell entered his gun chamber. He had been doing the act about a year, selecting six bullets from a box of assorted live and dummy ammunition.

Death Bill Dies

The man who was responsible for California's tough laws controlling exotic-type animals has a different opinion when it comes to the state's wild burros. Senator Peter Behr and Michael Wornum, both of Marin County, Cal., recently sponsored a bill that would give the Fish & Game Commission authority to issue permits that would allow killing or capture of the wild burros.

The bill was defeated with a vote of 25-13, two short of the 27 votes needed. The bill was supported by the Calif. Wool Growers and the Sierra Club. It was opposed by the United States Humane Society.

Sen. Behr says the burros multiply fast and therefore are "eating themselves out of their home." However, Sen. W. W. Stiern, of Bakersfield, won his fight against the bill and said, "I can't understand why someone would shoot an animal that would walk up to you and lick your hand."

Burros were introduced to California from North Africa by Spaniards who used them for pack animals. They formed herds during the late 1880's when they were released or escaped from miners.

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Biz Varies

"The new England states gave us this year's best grosses to date," according to Wilson Storey, general manager of the Sells & Gray Circus. Storey said every New England stand was a winner, except Hudson, N.H., where the night show was cancelled because of the approaching aftermath of Hurricane Belle.

Storey said business dipped as the show moved south thru New York and Penna., with most dates providing "just fair" houses. The show moved into Ohio at Conneaut on Sept. 2 and played to two straw houses. The small town of Leetonia (pop. 2000) gave the circus less than a quarter house in the afternoon, but a fair 3/4 house at night.

The show will move across Ohio, Indiana and Illinois before double-backing into the Buckeye

PEOPLE

IRENE SHARPE, retired Ringling-Barnum trapeze artist of the 1930's, now lives in Duarte, Cal. At 83 she is still spry and active.

SIMONA, aerialist, is back at work at Circus Circus Casino, in Las Vegas. She was injured in a recent boat accident.

THE WILLIAMS, UNCLE HEAVY and PRINCE NAJVEZ closed with the George-Matthews Circus last week as the show heads west.

state in late September. Storey said tentative plans call for the show to close in north-central Florida in late October.

Storey said the show experienced some help problems during its' Maine tour, but otherwise there has been no difficulty in retaining laborers and licensed semi drivers.

.... Tom Morrison

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BILLY BARTON....

IN A SOCIETY oriented to "celebrity consciousness", those few circus immortals to become "household names" have been CLYDE BEATTY and EMMETT KELLY (Sr) and, if you'll forgive the inclusion, the great ape GARGANTUA. Later, due to the tragic collapse of the "seven" in Detroit, the WALLENDAS. In early times it was TOM THUMB and JUMBO, freak attractions both. Other performers to attain a modicum of stature in the Public Eye are the ZACCHINIS, POODLES HANNEFORD (thru movies) and LEITZEL & CODONA (via romance). The rest of us, chums, like it or not are known only within our industry. FLASH!! The manager of a small tent show now on tour is buying equipment from a recently defunct circus, preparing to take out his own show in 77....The Beatty-Cole tour has been battered by some bad wrecks and breakdowns....When CLIFF MORESSI left the G-M show PERRY JOHNSON took over as bandleader.

BEVERLY ALLEN (Allen's Petting Zoo) is a published short story writer and plans a novel... Letter from friend JIMMIE COLE reminding me of my pre-teen years as a performer on his JAMES M. COLE Circus which toured each fall and winter as a school unit and then as an under canvas operation during spring and summer. Jimmie still tours his school show from January thru April as the Cole All Star TV Circus.

Prior to MARGUERITTE BARTONS

mild stroke she enjoyed a happy reunion with HOXIE and BETTY TUCKER, BOB NOELL and many others on Hoxie Bros. when the show played nearby Hagerstown (Md). Mother taught Betty Tucker - just one of many, including ME - aerial work.

Woman's Lib hit the G-M Circus with the addition of a distaff member, complete with a hard hat, on the big top crew. She was an energetic worker but the guys were looking daggers at each other and fighting over whom the girl would ride with each night. When MARY WISE, new femme clown, appeared in her D.C. home town area, she found herself deluged with visitors - many of whom looked askance at Mary's new profession....JOHNNY CANOLE finally showed up at Johnstown (Pa.) to bring me a new supply of pens - in the nick of time, too!

ANETA and JACOB VARGAS, who travelled the past four years with TIHANY, tell me it is the most fabulous tent show in the world and from pictures I've seen I believe it! The show incorporates circus talent, Las Vegas style productions, illusions and Dancing Waters under a mammoth four pole, square tent with a stage similar to Radio City Music Hall. Tihany moves on 40 show-owned semis and rents an additional 30. The lavish big top, made in Italy, seats 5000, is as opulent as any theatre and has built-in dressing rooms.

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R-B's Red Unit

The program presented by RBBB's Red Unit at Salt Lake City (Utah) on Aug. 21st included:

Clown gags and Clown band; Stars & Stripes Salute; Gunther G. Williams, tigers; Aston Cortez single trapeze; The Scheibe, aerial; The Armon, aerial; Roman rings; Clowns; The Ternos, trampoline; Sofia Troupe, swing; Barry Lappy, unicycle; Sigrid Gebel, liberty horses; Wolfgang Holzmaier liberty horses; Silvana Holzmaier, liberty horses; Clown car; Aerial Ballet; La Toria, one arm swings (70); Miss Anna's poodles; Rudi Lenz, chimps; Henry Schroer, camels (3); Carrillo Bros., high wire; Spec "Circus Spirit of 76"; and Intermission.

Clown walkaround; Wolfgang Holzmaier, lions; Lou Jacobs, midget car; Disappearing girl clown number; Gunther Gebel Williams, horses, tigers and elephant; the

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Show News

Members of the TNT & Royal Olympic Circus enjoyed a week's lay-off, the first this year, between their engagement at Toledo which ended on Aug. 29 and their date at Colorado Springs, which started on Sept. 8th.

Enroute west the show folks spent a day visiting the Buffalo Bill Ranch at North Platte, Neb., the original quarters for the wild west show. Some wagons, old lithos and artifacts are on display at the old ranch.

Between shows on Aug. 29th, show owner Earl Tegge was surprised with a birthday party and a special cake decorated like an old show litho. The circus title was at the top, in the center was

Fair Acts

Acts appearing at the Kentucky State Fair (Aug. 19-28) were: The Jordanas, upside down unicycle; Geronimo, high dive; Carla Wallenda, sway pole; Hugo Zacchini, human cannonball; Bill Harris announcer and Bob "Smiley" Corbin clown/calliope.

Earl's picture and on the bottom the inscription read "Happy Birthday, Mr. Circus."

During the show's engagement in Denver (Aug. 12-13) they played just 1½ miles down the same street as the John Strong Circus. Business was good for both shows and there was a lot of visiting between shows.

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Ok in Calif.

RBBB's Blue Unit enjoyed a successful 25 performance run at Anaheim (Cal), drawing an all-time high attendance at the Convention Center, while attendance in other cities showed some decline. During this run, the circus packed in 148,024 paid admissions, up 15,971 over the same 25 performance run in 1975. It was also \$78,523 up in total sales over the same schedule last year, recording \$755,660 during 1976. The largest crowd during the run was on Monday evening, Aug. 16, with 7,099. During the Anaheim date, 10 of the shows drew more than 6,500.

PEOPLE

JOHNNY CANOLE visited the Sells & Gray Circus at Punxsutawney, Pa. on Aug. 31st.

ARTHUR GROTEFENT, electrician on Sells & Gray Circus celebrated his birthday on Sept. 1st.

During the first week-end of the schedule, members of the Al G. Barnes Ring, of the CMB, displayed their miniature circus models in the Convention Center's adjacent Grand Lobby. Their "performance" also enjoyed new highs as hundreds of circus-goers visited the displays before and after each performance, as well as during the intermission.

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Ohio Fair

Highlight of the Ohio State Fair was the Circus Continental presented free, twice daily with shows at 1 and 5:30 p.m. with an 11 a.m. show on Saturdays and Sunday. The circus was produced by Klein's Attractions.

Featured in the circus were Kenny Milton, ringmaster, with clowns Don Bridwell and the Sherman brothers.

Acts included: Harriett Beatty, 5 lions; Miss Christine, web; Clowns, Jack-In-Box; Tony Fossett, bounding rope; Margey Begary, trapeze; Clowns, weight

PEOPLE

WELDON BURDEN, whose son is "Cotton Burr" the State Mascot Clown of Kansas, has been made a member of the Independence, Kans. Police Dept.

"Doc" MILLER reports he recently located two old Andrew Downie railroad show troupers and they tell him that part of the Havre d'Grace (Md) quarters are being used as a black YMCA.

lifting; The 7 Alxeanders, teeterboard; Irene & Tongo, gorilla parody; Malikova, high wire; Lee Keener with the Diano elephants.

..... Don Sandman



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Sep. 20 Cape Girardeau,
21 Sikeston Mo.
22 W. Memphis, Ark
23 Greenville, Miss
24 Vicksburg
25-26 Denham Sprgs, La

Carson & Barnes Circus

Sep. 20 Republic, Mo.
21 Lamar
22 Monett
23 Mt. Vernon
24 Independence, Ks
25 Oswego

Circus Vargas

Sep.
18-22 Massapequa, L.I.
23-24 Wilmington, Del

Royal Hanneford Circus

Sep. 23 Defiance, Ohio
24 Marion
25-26 Troy

Happytime Circus

Sep 24-Oct 2 Bakersfield
Cal.

Hoxie Bros. Circus

Sep. 20 N. Brunswick, NJ
21 Lindenwold
22 Willingboro
23 Sicklerville
24 Salem
25-26 Bel Air, Md.

Int'l All Star Circus

Sep. 21 Allentown, Pa.
22 Levittown
24 Lynchburg, Va.
25 Portsmouth
26 Hampton

King Bros. Circus

Sep. 20 Oliver Springs,
21 Dayton Tenn.
22 McMinnville
23 Lewisburg
24 Columbia
25 Henderson
26 Millington

Polack Bros. Circus

Sep 25-26 Camp Lejeune,
N.C.

Ringling-Barnum - Blue Unit

Sep 21-22 Spokane, Wash
24-26 Billings, Mont

Ringling-Barnum - Red Unit

Sep 21-Oct 3 Detroit,
Mich.

Sells & Gray Circus

Sep 20 Greenfield, Ind
21 Fairborn, Ohio
22 Springfield
23 Wilmington
24 Batavia
25 Georgetown, Ky
26 Shepperdsville

John Strong Circus

Sep 20 Red Bluff, Ca.
21 Paradise
22 Susanville
23 Sparks, Nev.
24 Fallon
25 Hawthorne
26 Bishop, Ca.

.... OTHER ROUTES

Carnival of Brazil

Sep 21-Oct 3 Washington

Century 21 Shows - Blue

Sep 20-25 Columbus,
DC
Miss

Century 21 Shows - Red

sep 20-25 Rome, Ga.

James H. Drew Shows

Sept 20-25 Marietta,
Ga.

Ken Griffin (Magic)

Sep. 20 Owensboro, Ky
22 Cairo, Ill.
26 Princeton, Ind

Int'l Show

Sep 24-Oct 3 Oklahoma
City, Okla

Prof. Miller (Magic)

Sep. 20 St. John, N.B.
21 Fredrickton
23 Charlottetown,
PEI

Rose City Rides

Sep 20-25 Sikeston, Mo

John Shirley (Magic)

Sep 23-Oct 3 Richmond,
Va.

Tip Top Shows

Sep 24-26 LaCrescent,
Wisc

40 Horse Hitch

Sep 25 Waterloo, Iowa

Rare Atlas Lions On Display in U.S.

Washington

Perry Phillips

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... On The Scene ...

Ronald Mann, executive assistant manager of the Oakland Hyatt House, has always been fascinated with clowns. To give you an idea just how deep that fascination goes, Mann has been collecting paintings of clowns for many years. He has also devoted considerable years to the study of their history, nomadic existence and their habits. It isn't hard to imagine Mann's joy when the great circus hit town this past week. Clowns, clowns and more clowns including head clown Ron Severini, and right next door to



PERRY PHILLIPS

him at the Coliseum. And how does a clown-lover get next to so many clowns? For Mann, it was hardly a difficult task. Among the many things he knew about clowns was that they rarely have an opportunity to dine in a plush restaurant. So, he talked to Ron Severini and invited him to bring a few of

his colleagues over to the Hyatt House for dinner in the popular Hugo's restaurant.

Coincidentally, I just happened to be in Hugo's when Severini, along with his wife, Sandy, and five or six other clowns, walked in. They all dressed for the occasion, in full costume and makeup, to the delight of Ronald Mann. Everyone in the place, including those in the lounge, were treated to a half-hour impromptu performance as befits the best traditions of the circus clown. Ron's singing dog and Sandy's musical saw were added attractions. They didn't do all of this to play and sing for their supper. It was done out of appreciation for the dinner offer. Mann, I'm sure, would have been thrilled just to chat with them through dinner much less getting an impromptu performance.

The story, however, doesn't end here. Before the circus left town the clowns returned to the Hyatt House for an encore performance. And then, they did something that was probably a dream come true for Mann. They invited him to appear with them in their final performance at the Coliseum. If some of the ushers thought they were seeing an extra clown that they were. It was Ronald Mann in costume and made up just like the rest of his new and appreciative friends. That he is now an honorary clown goes without saying.

Ringling-Barnum - Blue Unit

Sep 21-22 Spokane, Wash
24-26 Billings, Mont

Ringling-Barnum - Red Unit
Sep 21-Oct 3 Detroit,
Mich.

Shrine Circus
Sep 17-18 Fayetteville,
NC

TNT & Royal Olympic Circus
Sep 21-22 Jackson, Mich
23-25 Kalamazoo

Voorheis Bros. Circus
Sep. 23 Newberry, Mich
25 Cheboygan



Rare Atlas Lions On Display in U.S.

Washington

A pride of extremely rare Atlas lions, one male and three females, went on public display yesterday at the National Zoo through an agreement with the Rabat Zoo in Morocco.

The subspecies is considered extinct in the wild. The last one was seen and shot in Morocco in 1920. However, animals descended from crossbreeding with other subspecies are still found in a few zoos, and the hope is to increase their numbers.

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S&G Revisited

..... by BILLY BARTON

First caught and reviewed in June, Sells & Gray Circus was revisited on Sept. 3, at Leetonia (Ohio) where the compact circus played to good crowds. Showing minimal signs of normal wear and tear Sells & Gray is now headed South towards its rumored early closing in October.

The performance remains as first-rate as when reviewed in the spring with many pluses and only one demerit - a prop crew that tends to hamper the tempo of the program.

The girls in the opening aerial ballet come on smiling and have synchronized their web routines. Head-balancing trapeze star, Miss Dana Novotny, has injected that much-needed pizzazz into her entrance; performers move from the back door to ring with speed, and Gary Thomas is to be commended for his wonderful progress with the two elephant act, which is beautifully assisted by the chili-pepper personality of the attractive Vilma Lorenzo.

The Evy Karoly Family has had several set-backs - the first when young Mark suffered mononucleosis and was out of the show for almost two weeks, and second, when a stud horse attacked another in transit, chewing out its shoulder as though the horse had been mauled by a lion. The horse is recovering but will be out of

the show for the balance of the season. The Karolys are now using two dressage horses in that display instead of the original three. Young Mark, on the other hand, is well and back in action with his excellent trampoline and principal riding turns.

The lot at Leetonia was a tight one, too small for the side show which was side-walled. The spool wagon blew the arrows, arrived late. Despite this disruption the show was set and ready in plenty of time for its 4:30 p.m. matinee.

The George Matthews Circus performers, visiting on an unscheduled day off, pulled on to a small lot adjacent to that of Sells & Gray's, which was separated by a stream. Here, Alfonso Magana gave S&G a publicity boost when he unloaded the three G-M bulls and let them frolic in the water. S&G people lined up on one side of the bank, G-M people on the other, while circus fans snapped pictures and townspeople flocked to the bridge, disrupting local traffic.

G-M people who enjoyed the S&G visit included: Inge and Robert Williams (visiting their son); Herbie Weber; Marcella; Ed Russell; Harry Ross; Prince Najvez; Alfonso Magana, Lu Ann Jacobs; Bobby Davis and Terry Kirwald.

S.A. Tour Moves Ahead

Having completed a successful tour in Brazil, the Royal Lipizzan Stallion Show, produced by Gary Lashinsky, will play Colombia and Venezuela during October and November. After a brief vacation for Christmas the show goes into the Central American countries of Panama, Costa Rica, Guatemala and Nicaragua.

PEOPLE

THE SAXSON's, juggling/unicycle, worked with the Happytime Circus early this month at Monterey (Calif.) dates.

HANDY, a pet baboon, escaped and waged a six day reign of terror in Kilgore, Texas, before being captured early this month.

JUDY HOWARD was the feature sway pole artist at Vancouver, BC

CIRCUS DEATH (Continued)

"The girl," he added, "just didn't have a chance as she pin-wheeled to the concrete floor, landing face down."

Despite efforts of several doctors and local paramedics she failed to respond. Hospital officials said she was dead within an hour of the accident.

Elvin Bale was rescued from his upsidedown hold on the motorcycle when Charley Baumann and several prop hands pushed a ladder up to him. He was not injured

At press time doctors who conducted an autopsy, said Brenda might have suffered a heart attack while performing. They referred to a condition of her viens, saying it could possibly have resulted in causing a heart attack.

Plans are now being formulated for a tour of Australia, Hongkong and Japan in 1977.

The International Unit of the famed horse show is under the management of Fernando Cruz, who formerly managed "Disney on Parade" in South America. Mr. Cruz joined the show in Brazil on June 1st.

Promotions in Colombia and Venezuela are under the direction and sponsorship of Intercultura, promoters for "Holiday on Ice" and "Disney on Parade."

The Domestic Unit of the Royal Lipizzan Stallion Show is managed by John Finley, and recently completed its annual tour of California. Business for both July and August has been reported as being "very good."

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Show Plans

The program planned by the Royal Danish Circus for its Sep. 28-Oct. 2 date at the Cumberland (Me.) Fair will run about 45 minutes. The show is to be presented on a stage in the Exhibition Hall and will include clowns Dan, Ho Po and Boxem.

The program features: Diana on web; Miss Tina, single trapeze Bongo, comedy gorilla; Alberta & Rosita, plate spinning; Les Thin-is, trampoline; and a balloon throwing finale.

The Good One

Near capacity crowds filled the big top for each Big John Strong Circus performance at the Griffith, Ind., date of Aug. 2-3, where the show was backed by the Volunteer Fire Dept. Music was provided by a piano and drums and the program was directed by John Strong and Betty Wendany.

The program included: Clown warm-up; Poco, clown with dog; The Michael Family, juggling; Heidi Wendany, juggling; Poco and Pete, clowns; Betty and Heidi, pony revue; Sandy Strong with Arthur, the macaw; two rings of dog acts; the Strongettes, swinging ladders; clown on ladder; Intermission; Heidi and horse Shalmar; Chris DeWayne and elephant Necna; Swami Amazo, Indian Fakir; Poco and the balloon; Bicentennial Salute Finale.



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A Strange Idea

When Sells & Gray Circus arrived at Sayre, Pa. for their engagement on Aug. 27th, city officials said the horses could not perform and would not be allowed on the lot. The reason given was the officials believed horses carry tetanus in their hoofs and since the lot was directly in back of a school they didn't want to take any chances.

The show has hour high school horses and two bareback horses owned by the Karolys. The show also has six ponies used for the children's pony ride.

Miss Karoly says she has never run into such a problem before and her horse acts have appeared all over the world.

In Memoriam

JOHN F. VERNON (68) an active CFA member, died at a Beale Air Force Base Hospital (Calif.) on Aug. 24. He was a retired naval officer (1927-1949) and held several awards. He was a prisoner of World War II in the Philippines (1941-1945). Survivors include his wife Gladys; and daughters, Johanna Harder and Janet Price, and a sister Dorothy Feldhake.

HARRY E. SARIG, a former secretary-treasurer for Hagenbeck Wallace Circus, died at Indianapolis, Ind., on Aug. 7th. Survivors include his wife Frata.



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BILLY BARTON (Continued)

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Pittsburgh Circus Fans inform me that TOMMY HANNEFORD will do a one day stint in nearby Washington (Pa) for the Sheraton hotel chain. Is this a trend? He already played the one in Pittsburgh. Performers on the G-M Circus, jumping to Annapolis (Md) blew their horns "hello" to ANITA KEPPO whizzing down the highway enroute to KING'S DOMINION for Royal Hanneford. That show's appearance in Baltimore for the Shrine (Nov. 2-6) is already being heavily advertised.

According to phone calls made by SID KELLNER to Peru, that show is in the midst of much upheaval. Sid can't get his cat act (5 female lions) back and JEFF WAGNER, who is down there with them, can't even get out!

Didyaknow ED RUSSELL is a model builder? Has a complete miniature circus he built with a big top that laces, a flying act with tiny blocks that actually work.

The Juggling VILLAMs played the Great Puyallup Fair... SAM POLACK spent time in Las Vegas following the Polack Reno dateThe FLYING SEGARAS joined G-M for its Akron-Cleveland dates.... LINDA KIMES (Uncle Heavy's Pork Chop Revue) celebrated her birthday with a party held at LEE MISTER's cook house in Pittsburgh.

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.....Nick Hudson

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As love's taunt naustrils breathe
and flex

With hungry scent of lover's
urge.

His darting, eager, measuring
eyes

Grasp paradise's perfect form...
To joyfully scan, re-analyze,
And soar...and fall - with pain
forlorn.

What chance to seize the soaring
star?

What hope to realize his dreams?
Yet sparks of passion splinter
far

From eyes whose shimmer softly
screams.

The curtain parts...her thighs
sweep past...

The music coars...and floats....
and swells.

The somersaulting princess hast
The gleaming joy of tinkling
bells.

The final bow...the gestured hand
Her prancing beauty finally gone
The artful end of all that's

PEOPLE

STANLEY GILL, well known
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FRANK W. SLUCHER, circus booking agent, diabetic, age 39. Last heard from in March 1975, when in quarters of Hoxie Bros. Circus, Miami, Fla.

Please notify his aunt, Mrs. W. T. Cox, Catlettsburg, Ky. 41129

In Memoriam

ALBERT FRANCIS PERRY, of Alberto's Circus, in Australia, died on Aug. 21 at Cheltenham, Australia. Services were held in the circus tent on Aug. 25th.



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