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Number 47

Sought For Ivory

Wildlife conservationists say ivory hunters killed from 100,000 to 400,000 elephants during 1976, in Africa. Their methods range from shooting the animals with rockets to burning them to death in huge grass fires. As a result the African elephant could become as extinct as the blue whale.

Iain Douglas-Hamilton, an international authority on elephants, told the World Wilderness Congress that something has to be done to half the demand for ivory and thus to protect the elephant. He reports that in Chad, on the southern fringe of the Sahara, there were reports the army had used rockets to fire at elephants from helicopters in the race to feed the world ivory market.

"In Sudan, I have received very recent reports that some tribes are still burning elephant herds by setting the grass around them afire."

Ivory leaving Africa in 1976 may have come from between 100,000 and 400,000 elephants and there seems to be no let-up in the demand for ivory, he added.

According to Douglas-Hamilton the figures were developed after he had weighed thousands of tusks in Dar Es Salaam's weighing rooms.

Elephants, he said, have been seriously overexploited, particularly since the 10 fold rise in the price of ivory since the late 1960's.

He reports that Kenya has lost more than 50 per cent of its elephant population in the past seven years. In Uganda, he added, the loss is even greater.

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Special Day

On Nov. 4th, Carl and Elizabeth Romig celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

Their son Irvin (Ricky the Clown) took the couple to dinner with wife Rose and son Chris. When they returned home they were greeted by Grace McIntosh, Norman and Ronna Platt and daughter Pam and George Da Deppo.

Carl and Elizabeth met on the Ringling Bros. Circus in 1915 and were married at the end of the season in Baraboo, Wisc.

Carl is from Reading, Pa., and started in show business at the age of 20, he was a bronc rider, trick rider, roper and wild west show cowboy. He first toured with the 101 Ranch and Young Buffalo and the Texas Rangers Show. Then he traveled with such shows as Downie Bros., John Robinson, Hagenbeck-Wallace, Ringling and Ringling-Barnum.

Elizabeth started in show business at the age of 15 as a bareback rider, tightwire performer and aerialist, touring with Ringling Bros., Hagenbeck-Wallace and Ringling-Barnum.

They worked the Keith Time; Pantages and Butterfield circuit in vaudeville with a double wire act, Elizabeth working straight and Carl doing comedy as Happy Hooligan. At one time they took out the Romig & Rooney Circus, playing both under canvas and in theatres.

Son, Irvin, was a feature clown and bareback rider with Ringling-Barnum and still works parties, parades and circuses.

Daughter, Fay, has several animal acts and once worked in the Zacchini flying act. She too was a bareback rider and featured performer on Ringling-Barnum.

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When the Hubert Castle Circus played Las Vegas (Nev) Sept. 29-Oct. 1, they were set up on the parking lot of the California Hotel and Casino, right downtown. Only small crowds came out to see the show and so the Oct. 2 performances were cancelled.

ART 'Doc' MILLER has suffered a slight stroke and is currently hospitalized in Florida. Cards and letters can be sent to him at: Rte. 3, Box 323-C, Starke, Fla. 32091.

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Battle of Magicians

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PEOPLE

CLIFF VARGAS has taken delivery of a new 5th wheel living trailer.

GEORGE BARREDA's lions and JOSELITO, high wire, will be with the Hubler Int'l Circus next season, and also will work spot dates.

JIMMY COLE, MARI JO COULS and PATTI RUCKER visited the Beatty-Cole Circus at Altamonte, Fla.

JIMMY COLE and INGE WILLIAMS visited the Sells & Gray Circus at Dunellon (Nov. 13).

BILLY BARTON has agreed to design and produce an elaborate new Theme Spec for Circus Vargas in '79. The new Spec, based on an idea by CLIFFORD VARGAS, will take a full year to build and will incorporate floats and complicated special effects, including nearly 100 people and all show live stock. Mr. Barton will also compose the original music and lyrics for the production.

HERBERT UECKERT, his Mother and FRED and FIFI REED, BOB and IRMA DUNHAM, plus PAT SHERMAN enjoyed a chili dinner

Show Set

The Dobritch Int'l Circus has re-signed the Wheaton (Ill) Police date at the Du Page County Fairgrounds for 3 more years. The date will be played in June under a Harold Barnes tent.

Dobritch has also signed to produce the New Orleans (La) Police Circus for March 31-April 2, along with other Shrine and Police dates.



and gab-fest at Las Vegas when the Hubert Castle Circus played that city.

JOHNNY CANOLE, GEORGE DA DEPPO, and the LANDES Girls were recent visitors on the Circus Vargas lot.

The BARTON-JENNIER Attractions have signed to play the Hubler Int'l Circus from Feb. 18 into May. The troupe will also appear on the Dobritch Int'l Circus dates, as well as spot dates for Sam T. Polack, Bentley Bros. and fairs for Oler Productions.

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ICE FOLLIES CUT SHORT its South American tour and those novelty acts, such as **BOBBY MOORE** and his dogs, were sent to other units....That which amounts to a shake up in the Amusement Park industry occurred when Six Flags Corp. bought out New Jersey's Great Adventure funspot. In Las Vegas, the Desert Inn shuttered for 6 months, tossing 600 persons out of work — this, at a time, when Las Vegas is enjoying a boom season. Construction on Circus Circus in Reno has been inexplicably delayed(?).

SNAPSHOTS: **BONNIE & CLYDE** are touring with Jim Nordmark's new 2nd unit (Int'l Magic Spectacular). **BOB OWENS** with Hunt and Sells & Gray this past season is also there, as stage manager....**EMIL GOETSCHI** is "doubling" in the Karl Wallenda movie being filmed in Sarasota, so is **FAY ALEXANDER**....**MICHAEL CHERRICK** nixed an invitation to appear at the Monte Carlo Circus due to conflicting commitments at Montreal's Chateau Champlain and a long contract with Circus Circus....His illustrious uncle **FRANCIS BRUNN**, fully recovered from a hip operation, opens next month at a hotel in Puerto Rico.

HOT NEWS: There is a **STRONG** possibility that **LOTTIE BRUNN** and **FRANCIS** will reunite for one season as a team, maybe in 1979, which will be one of the most spectacular juggling thrills experienced in many a moon. Both are as **GREAT** as ever and let's face it, the Brunns are to the Juggling Art what Tiffany's is to Diamonds. Lucky the show that scores the coup!

JIMMY CAVARETTA, recently remarried, is headed for Fatherhood **VERY** soon!....**MAUREEN CAVARETTA** goes into the **TERRELL** flying act when that troupe returns from London. For the first time in years the entire Cavaretta Family will be reunited in mid-air. **TONY STEELE**, **BARRY MITCHELL**, **KANDY CAVARETTA** and **BILLY WOODS** are filling in at Circus Circus for the **FLYING MICHAELS** now in Sweden. **BETTY WOODS** is appearing in that act overseas.... The tumble **KARL WALLENTA** took during the Sarasota filming was **NOT** a publicity stunt believe me! The high wire star was rushed to the hospital for observation where a hairline fracture in the neck was discovered....**GEORGE CORONA** is back at home, coming along nicely, and will be A-Okay. **LOTTIE BRUNN** tossed a "shower" on the Gatti show for **ANITA STEBBINGS** who is at least 5 months pregnant. Anita is married to one of the Williston flyers....The new Hoxie big top will be used for the **EMMETT KELLY, Jr.** Circus date in Ft. Lauderdale

on Dec. 25-31, and a carnival has been booked for the midway. The date is in conjunction with the Sunrise Music Theatre.

ON THE SCENE WITH CIRCUS VARGAS: **LONI VAN VOORDEN**, now recovered from twin broken wrists, showed off her new Boles Aero fifth wheel, but has not recovered from its purchase: seems the unit was burglarized at the dealer's lot. Stolen were a color TV, linens and Barbara's electric piano, all of which had been placed in the unit in advance of delivery....**LUCY** and **LACY TOTH's** new home was vandalized in Sarasota. Furniture was ripped apart, walls scarred, and valuable items destroyed. The **TOTH's** plan to place a couple in residence to safeguard a home they have spent a lifetime to purchase...**LARRY JOYNER** is traveling with **CV** rehearsing his new cat act in the backyard daily and working with **REX WILLIAMS** in the elephant number. Rex is doing a masterful job with the Vargas herd (now totalling 17 with 3 to be added) and plans to have a 5 act in each ring, plus a walking long mount finale with the entire herd by the California spring tour, where **JUDY BAKER** joins husband **BILLY** and son **TOMMY** in the liberty horse display working 6 to their 8 each, plus hind leg specialty horses...**DIAMOND JIM PARKER** is frustrated with his new IBM typewriter which is always breaking down....The **KLEMENTIS** return to Europe at the end of the **CV** season to take care of business matters and will then return to the USA for the 1978 season of spot dates... In prepping for a recent long jump they discovered the frame of their Avion trailer was cracked. The welder showed up between the 2nd and 3rd show closing day and repaired it in the nick of time for the move....French high wire artist **ROGER REGOR's** wife is working in the **BRAUN Rocket Ship** act (the Apollo) which, with some mirror revamping, could have much stronger potential. It is a very clever rigging and can work in a very small space, and something should be done with it immediately. The **BRAUN's**, who fell in love with the U.S., are not going back to Germany immediately, but will stay with Circus Vargas....**CLIFF VARGAS**, contrary to "popular" opinion, is a sentimentalist with a soft heart and a generous nature, masked by a bulldog demeanor that is "all front" and so this "mean tyrant" made a place for the Brauns with his show so they could remain in their adopted country.....**TOMMY BAKER** and **SA SA ARMOR** are what Louella would call an "item" (and a **HOT** one). Tommy idles his free time painting

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PEOPLE

DAVE DAVIS (4000 Harlem Road, Snyder, N.Y.) would like to contact VICTOR JULIAN and THE FELLER BOYS, or obtain a mailing address so he can forward some photos to them.

MARY RUTH HERRIOTT and daughter AMY, worked dogs, ponies, horse and juggling acts with Carden-Johnson, Stebbing's Circus, Hunt Bros. and Hoxie's Great American, while JOHN served as performance director for Ringling Red where daughter CINDY is a show girl.

LAURA (Herriott) and JOHN CAUDILL had the elephants and a six pony drill on Hoxie Bros. Circus, plus a high school horse. Another daughter, HEIDI, traveled with her mother and filled in for her mother and sister several times during the season.

MARY RUTH, JOHN and CINDY HERRIOTT will be at Circus World in 1978 with their dog and pony act and high school horses. John will be training animals for the circus.

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RALPH and PAM RUCKER have added two Banty Roosters to their goat act which will be touring with Carden-Johnson Circus next year. They have also added a new Spitz dog and plan to add another Afghan to the act.

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All dates were under the personal direction of Colonel Bill Voorheis, with the exception of a six week trial arrangement with Luben Stoyan-off, whereby the show was taken into South-eastern Ohio and West Virginia. That arrangement terminated in late October and Voorheis has no future plans of touring, except under his own name.

During the final performance, Erv Lange was honored in observance of his 43 years in the business, both as an athlete and also as an animal trainer. The Marcelli's were presented red roses by Ruth Woods.

The show enters it's 8th season commencing January 14th and will confine itself mainly to Michigan, playing 114 days, with 76 already signed.

EMERGENCY

JOHN BEROSINI, Jr., who was with Century 21 Shows - Please call (702) 648-4111.

This is an urgent message regarding the death of JOHN BEROSINI, Sr. on Nov. 6th.

The show purchased a new green and gold big top from Anchor Tent last season and has added a new Wells Cargo concession trailer and a 1978 motor home, which is in use for booking and promoting towns. A 5th wheel cargo van will be added in early spring for the tented dates. This will carry seating and poles, as well as provide quarters for the canvas crew. An electric spool is currently being installed to cut down time in erection. The 1978 canvas dates will include a petting zoo with the alternate red, white and blue top condensed to handle animals.

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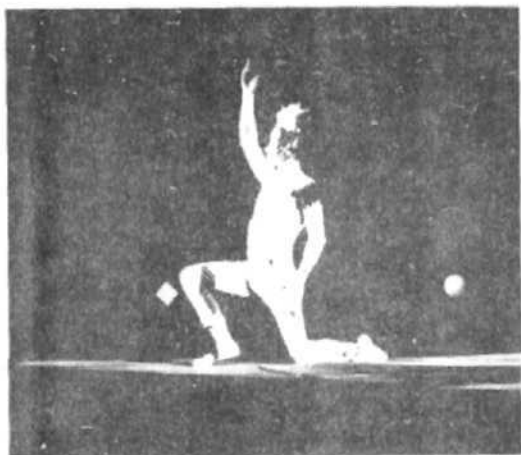
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Show Features

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The show's staff included: Eddie Zacchini, executive producer; Keith Killinger, musical director; Bill Boren, ringmaster/announcer; Bela Ezsias, prop boss; Tom Phelps and Charles Watkins, producing clowns.

Aahmes Shrine Temple of Oakland, Calif., reports their 1978 circus dates will be April 28-30 and will be produced by Gatti Productions.

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New Rule

The U. S. Dept. of Agriculture (USDA) has modified its ban on the importation of horses from the United Kingdom, Ireland, France and Australia, to allow the temporary entry of horses under bond for purposes other than breeding.

Officials of USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) said this will allow horses to enter the United States temporarily for exhibition and competition purposes without significant risk of introducing contagious equine metritis (CEM) to the United States. CEM is a genital disease of horses recently discovered in the four countries.

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Tour Ends

The "Wonderland Circus Revue" closed its month-long tour of South Carolina at St. Matthews on Nov. 16th. Show producer Bill Brickle told CR that the tour had been a good one with generally capacity crowds for each performance. The poorest day of the tour, he added, was at Estill where the matinee drew only a quarter house and the evening show attracted a half house.

The program featured: Overture; Gorilla Parody; Clowning with 'Popcorn' Sink; Aerial Ballet; 'Rex' the lion, presented by Miss Matty; Color Book Pitch; Phil Chandler & Co., illusions; The Clowns; Bill Brickle and his Poodle Fantasy; Aerial Ladders; Intermission; Paulettes Peerless Puppies; Clowns; Magic Moments; Clowns; Aerial extravaganza featuring Linda on the trapeze.

The show staff included: Bill Brickle, producer; Butch Capa, props; Matty Sink, front door; John Meyers, concessions; with Bill Brickle and Phil Chandler sharing the announcing.

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Miscellaneous

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The Emmett Kelly, Jr. Circus is reportedly going to play Orlando (Fla) over the Thanksgiving Day weekend.

Business for the Beatty-Cole Circus at New Orleans (La) was very good, although the show ran into mud and damp weather.

PEOPLE

CHERIE and JIM CUNNINGHAM, of the Beatty-Cole Circus, totaled their truck and trailer on the way to Houma, La. on Oct. 23rd. Jim swerved to miss two dogs in the road, the trailer broke loose and landed on its side. The truck rolled completely over, landing back on its wheels. Jim and the dog were uninjured, but Cherie suffered a cut arm requiring 7 stitches

The Father Ed Sullivan Tent, CFA., of New England, held its fall meeting and dinner on Saturday, Oct. 29th at Shrewsbury, Mass. Tom Kulbabsky was elected president of the group for the coming year.

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BACK IN COMMAND

Dr. William S. Standing, prominent Evansville (Ind) dentist and for many years, Acts' Chairman for the Hadi Temple Shrine Circus, (who stepped aside due to pressure of his profession and outside involvements), has picked up the reins for this year's circus.

Dr. Standing came back in command when the Circus Chairman and the Acts' Chairman, E. E. "Chick" Johnson, died within two days of each other.

Dr. Standing is well-versed in the production of the Hadi Shrine Circus, is technically know-

PEOPLE

TIM COONEY recently purchased three zebras from LOUIS GOEBELS for use in an upcoming movie "Roar". Tim is also using his own elephant, plus bulls owned by JUDY KAYE and ED DRAKE. He also has hopes of being able to use MORGAN BERRY's African elephants for some film work.

FRANK and JANET BURGER are getting a few days rest in Florida before starting a busy Holiday work schedule.

THE BUMPY FAMILY, acrobats, appeared on Chicago's Bozo TV Show Nov. 10-11, one of the last dates before the act quits show business.

FRED HEATLEY was recently elected president of the Roland C. Butler CFA Tent at Phoenix, Arizona.

ledgable; he is also well-liked by circus people and popular with the Divan. His "return" is a plus for the event. It is almost a certainty Dr. Standing will remain in charge through 1978 and, at least into 1979.

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show program

The crowd was barely larger than the entire cast but nevertheless the *International All Star Circus* presented a strong performance during its appearance on Nov. 6th in Phoenix (Ariz).

The sponsor did a poor job of promoting the show, drawing about 100 people, with half of them special guests from two local schools for the retarded.

The Int'l All Star Circus, making its first swing through the West, carries a five piece band that produced sounds of a group several times its size. The band included two trumpets, trombone, drums and organ.

All equipment was well maintained, clean and brightly painted.

The program included: Miss Patti, foot juggling; The O'Briens, slackwire; Miss Antoinette, hair hang; Coco and Coco, Jr., clowns; Lady Without a Middle, illusion act; Carey Brown Duo, rola bola; The Vazquez Canines; Miss Ivey, single trapeze; Targa, unchained leopard; Coco and Coco, Jr., on stilts.

PEOPLE

KRISTAVO, juggler and slack wire artist, will work at a new Holiday Inn (Santanella, Calif.) the weekend of Nov. 19-20. He will also be working Christmas dates in the Sacramento area for agent DOROTHEA GRAY.

COUNT NICHOLAS (Ringmaster for Beatty-Cole) was commissioned a Kentucky Colonel by the Governor of Kentucky when the show played Lexington on Oct. 5th.

After intermission the program included: Uncle Heavy's Pork Chop Review, performing pigs; Komic Katastrophe, clowns; Diamond Duo, French trapeze; Danny Carey & Co., balancing; Vasquez Chimps; The Terry's, unicycles; The Locked Trunk Magic Act; and Stoney, the baby elephant.

A large number of members of the Roland C. Butler Tent No. 102, CFA, were in attendance and went into the backyard after the show. The CFA's included: Fred Reed, western vice president, and Robert McCall, District 11 Director.

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Show Report

Both Hoxie circuses have returned to their Miami (Fla) winter quarters after a long but generally successful tour. The season started in late March at West Palm Beach (Fla). The larger show, Hoxie Bros. Circus, toured on 22 trucks and the smaller, Hoxie's Great American Circus traveled on 10 trucks.

Owner Hoxie Tucker termed the '77 campaign as being a success but commented that the larger show enjoyed better business. He seems to feel that a change in routing may be needed for the Great American show.

The winterquarters crew is now getting the show in shape for the '78 season and all trucks are scheduled for new paint.

Tucker says that he intends to revamp the performances of both shows 100%, including the addition of big-name attractions who have seen service on shows such as Ringling-Barnum, Beatty-Cole and others. New clowns are also expected on both units.

One of Hoxie's punk elephants, "Sue", died shortly before the end of the season, leaving some sad faces in the bull dept. No plans to replace her have been made and next season Hoxie plans to carry 3 adult bulls on both shows. Cat act trainer Mike Cecere is proud of two male lion cubs, now 4 weeks old, and he hopes to break them into the act when they are old

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enough. There is also a baby baboon and the addition of a hind leg walking male lion to his act.

Hoxie says he is thinking about changing his big show route to include such states as New York and Michigan, and if he does he will spend a large sum of money on his electrical dept. to make it conform to state regulations.

Casualties of the 1977 season include several stolen trucks (later recovered) and serious damage to the menagerie tractor, which may have to be completely replaced. Hoxie also plans to up-date part of his tractor fleet in '78.

During the Christmas holidays, Hoxie Bros. will furnish their big top, cat act, elephants, props, lighting, power plant and other equipment for a two week stand in Fort Lauderdale.

The Hoxie shows are a favorite of this writer and when compared to some of the other circuses around, it is an outstanding show, well-managed, giving top-notch performances. The show is well-flashed, clean, no grift allowed and friendly to circus fans. It is a shame that other circuses cannot see the value of being more like Hoxie.

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The famous Lipizzan horse troupe withdrew from the National Horse Show at New York last week because the animals had all caught colds.

"It's a typical viral infection," said Dr. Robert Carr, the horse show veterinarian. "You and I would call it a cold - the horses are sniffing, coughing and running slight fevers."

The doctor's orders included plenty of rest for the big muscular white stallions and they were sent to a farm in Connecticut.

PEOPLE

The WESTERN WILD CATS Band and Show is back at winterquarters (Fla) after a successful season. Twelve-year old ROBY ENGESSER, owner of the show has bought two small tents and a 2½ ton GMC truck for the coming '78 season. Roby, aside from going to school, is also training a coyote and lion act for next year. Mama, ROXY, starts her school lectures in cooperation with Lion Country Safari, of West Palm Beach, on Nov. 21st.

ABE GOLDSTEIN, clown cop, worked for the Dr. Pepper Circus at Dallas, Texas, where clown numbers were produced by CHECKERS & PATCHES (Steve Baker and Gary Ray). Abe celebrated his 82nd birthday while on the show. MARY GILL, former aerialist, recently accepted an out-of-court settlement of \$1,725,000 in her suit against Ringling-Barnum. The suit was filed as a result of her accident during a perfor-

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mance in Canada in 1973.

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