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## Show Ready For Alaskan Tour

The big news in the Pacific Northwest is that the Wallace & Rogers Circus is heading for a tour of British Columbia and Alaska. They'll be back in the State of Washington sometime in September for previously planned fall dates.

The circus opened its season at St. Helens, Ore. on Mar. 31st, where because of heavy rains the lot was in poor shape. That evening every piece of show equipment had to be pulled off the lot.

After a day off they played Winslow on April 2nd to some exceptional business (three performances were required). This was followed by an April 3-5 date at Renton, with the show set up at the shopping center. Business was off here because of the cold and continual rain. At Mercer Island (the site of the 1973 CFA Convention) on Apr. 6-7 the show drew big crowds.

The show's overall layout looks good. Their 80 ft. round  
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### Escapes Injury

While performing before several thousand spectators at Circus America, in Washington, DC (Apr. 6) Dolly Nock slipped and fell 30 feet to the floor of Capitol Centre. The accident occurred as the 16 year old girl was presenting her heel catch on the swinging trapeze.

Dolly, the daughter of the Charley Nocks, who are billed as the "Fearless Nocks", was rushed to a local hospital, where it was said her only injury amounted to a bump on the head. She stayed at the hospital for observation and then was released.

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## Lewis Bros.

The brand new Lewis Bros. Circus moved into Kentucky this week and reported business was quite good. The show is using an 80 ft. square end top, with a 40 ft. middle section. The tent itself is blue, while the sidewall is striped blue and white. Seating is the traditional circus style, with 12 high stringers.

The circus moves on 8 show owned trucks, plus several private trucks and trailers. Included among the show equipment is a 90 kw light plant, stake driver/water wagon, cookhouse unit and concession stand.

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NOTE -- The picture on the show route page of last week's issue was taken on the Beatty-Cole circus and had Jean Allen up on the elephant.

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## KING Circus looks great

Although they are using the same equipment and tent they had in '73, everything on the King Bros. Circus looks clean and is in good shape. The only new piece of rolling equipment they've added is a tanker that is radio equipped and carries gas for the show folks. It's a big help in areas where the local gas supplies are low.

The show was set up on the old Chenault Air Force Field at Lake Charles, La. (April 6) and good business was recorded for both shows.

They have a nice program with good music, which includes:

- The Gunges - balancing
- The Conley's - juggling
- The Carey's - rola bola
- Rummel Duo - suspended cradle
- The Mills Trio - triple trapeze
- Miss Marlene - single trapeze
- The Clowns
- Miss Viva - poodle revue
- Carl Conley - liberty horses
- Miss Peggy and Susan - ladders
- The Rummels - rolling globes
- The Gunges - balancing act
- Adonis Duo - suspended perch
- Kirks goats - Conley's animals
- Denny Carey - hand balancing
- Miss Laren and Mills - aerial
- The Kirks - baboons
- The Clowns
- Miss Marlene and Mills - web
- Robert Cline - elephants

. . . Joe Vernado

## New Sales Program

A report for the Seattle (Wash.) Times writes that the Seattle Police Officers Guild is sponsoring a circus next month, but the proceeds won't go to a charity. For nine years the Guild has sponsored a circus as a means of providing funds for local charities, but this year the money will be used for local union activities.

According to the Guild's secretary, George Zuncs, the approach was changed because they did not feel they could comply with charitable/solicitation laws and still make a profit. It also means the promotion does not have to be registered and the final distribution of funds will not have to be recorded.

The King County Police Officers Association is not presenting a circus this year. However, the Public Safety Employees Local 519 is sponsoring a Sherril Lewis Show as a profit making venture.

Under regulations in Washington at least 45% of the proceeds from a charitable activity must go to a charity. The laws were devised at least partly to prevent promoters from taking the major share of money received from fund-raising drives.

## READY FOR ALASKA (Continued)

and top, with one 40 ft. center is still in beautiful shape, as is all the rolling equipment. They use sawdust inside the top, something not many shows do these days.

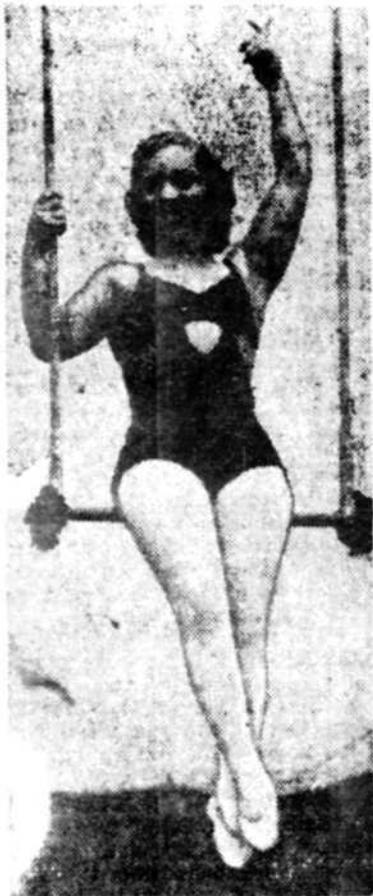
On the midway Bob Emrico has an all new side show trailer unit. He joined the show at Renton and also clowns during the performance. The circus admission prices are \$2.50 for adults and \$1.00 for children.

The program as presented at Renton included:

Bob Emrico - clown walkarounds  
 John Hartzell, Jr. - opening  
 Wilson Elliot Duo - double trap  
 Miss Elli - macaws and cockatoo  
 Hi Fi - thr rola bola  
 Robert Mock - trained ponies(2)  
 John Hartzell, Jr - plate spin.  
 Clown shooting number  
 Mrs. Helen Hartzell presenting  
 the show's new elephant  
 Miss Maria - Spanish web  
 -- Intermission --  
 Miss Victoria - trained dogs  
 Hi Fi - the expanding box  
 Hartzell Duo - revolving bar  
 Mr. Astrono - human yo-yo  
 The Finale

Show equipment includes: two seat wagon trailers, office/concession trailer, stage trailer, two sleeper trucks, elephant truck, horse truck, tractor and several private rigs.

..... Michael Sporrer



The young lady on the trapeze, shown above, is Tiny Enos, a top star in the circus world some years back.

The girl on the elephant photo was taken on the Cole Bros. Circus in 1937. The girl's name has since become lost.

On the other photo page of this issue are two interesting photos of glamour girls of the big top.

The girl with the elephants is Lisolette Powers, with two of the Powers elephants, who were once featured in the Polack Bros. Circus program.

The young lady who is pensively awaiting her turn in the circus center ring is Eileen Harold, a featured performer and aerialist in the 1940's.

# 'twas a good tour

The Bale Buckeye Circus recently returned to its quarters after completing a successful week's tour of dates. The show drew turnaway crowds at Alliance, Lima and Tipp City, with full houses at Loudenville and Indian Lake. The only week date of the tour was at Delaware, where bad weather was encountered.

Novelty and concession sales were above those of last year. The show, moving on 12 units, reports it had no trouble obtaining gas or services.

The circus, owned and managed by William G. Bale, was well received by audiences and sponsors and in fact has been rebooked for 1974 dates. Already a 10 to 12 week tour is being set up for the 1974-75 season.

Jerry Banks, came out of semi-retirement, produced some lavish and spectacular clown features. He was assisted by Cleop the Wonder Clown.

The program itself featured: Hal Haviland, dogs and ponies; The Sprister Chimps; The Piper Puppets; The Miller Family The Benton Bee Bees; Marko, The Cyclonians; Theo Mandrake, the Magician; Pippie, the Clown, etc

## RECORD SET

New records were established at the Charlotte, N.C., Coliseum when the Ringling-Barnum Red Unit played there for six days - March 26-31.

According to Coliseum manager Paul Buck, the circus drew

## CAPSULES . . .

The Shrine Temple at Sioux City, Iowa, sponsored a circus on April 16-21.

The Beatty-Cole Circus didn't open on April 6th as was announced. Instead they opened at Comack, L.I. on April 9th.

Several circus elephants (Circus Vargas?) made an impromptu parade on Hollywood Blvd, in Los Angeles, last week and received national publicity as a result.

Ringling-Barnum's Red Unit parade from the train to the Armory, at Washington, DC, was made in a heavy rain.

The Russell-Johnson Circus will reopen this week on a tour that should keep the show on the road until December.

Dailey Bros. Circus reportedly suffered a blowdown on April 10th, at a small city near Dallas, Texas.

85,000 patrons, resulting in a gross sale of \$327,000.

# Routes

Allen's Pet Zoo  
Apr. 24-28 El Centro, Cal.

Barnes & Daily Circus  
Apr. 23 Batesville, Ind  
24 Hope  
25 Morgantown  
26 Morristown  
27 Monrovia

Beatty-Cole Circus  
Apr. 23 Upper Marlboro,  
24 Annapolis Md.  
25 Salisbury  
26-27 Norfolk, Va.  
28 Fort Lee

Carden & Johnson Circus  
Apr. 25 Joplin, Mo.

Carson & Barnes Circus  
Apr. 22 Roswell, N.M.  
23 Alamogordo  
24 Las Cruces  
25 Silver City  
26 Wilcox, Ariz.  
27 Bisbee

Hubert Castle Circus  
Apr. 24-28 Indianap'le, Ind

Circus Verges  
Apr. 24-28 Torrance, Cal.

Continental 3-Ring Circus  
Apr. 23-24 Ft. Lauderdale,  
26-28 Miami Fla

Gatti-Charles Circus  
Apr. 24 Salem, Oregon  
25 Vancouver, Wash  
26-27 Portland, Oreg  
29-30 Vancouver, BC

Garden Bros. Circus  
Apr. 22-28 Altoona, Pa.

George Matthews Circus  
Apr. 28-29 Santa Clara, Cal

Hamid-Morton Circus  
Apr. 22-27 Harrisburg, Pa.

Hannaford Circus  
Apr. 15 Johnstown, Pa.  
25 Grand Rap'ds, Mich

Hoxie Bros. Circus  
Apr. 22-23 Fayetteville, NC  
24 Rockingham  
25 Mooresville  
26 West Jefferson  
27 Wytheville, Va.

Hubler's Int'l Circus  
Apr. 27-28 Whitehall, Ohio

Kava Cont'l Circus

Prof. Miller & Showtime Fol.  
Apr. 26 Denville, N.J.  
27 Hackensack  
28 Linden  
29 Meriden

Police Circus  
Apr. 27-May 6 Boston, Mass

Ringling-Barnum's Blue Unit  
to May 27 New York, N.Y.

Ringling-Barnum's Red Unit  
Apr. 25-29 Niagara Falls,  
NY

Roberts Bros. Circus  
Apr. 22 Duluth, Ga.  
23 Cumming  
24 Lithonia  
25 Lavonia

Royal Lipizzen Stal. Show  
Apr. 26 Evansville, Ind  
27-28 Carbondale, Ill

Russell-Johnson Circus  
Apr. 26 Monahanhas, Tex

Tommy Scott-TimMcCoy Show  
Apr. 22 Abbeville, La.  
23 Lafayette  
24 Lake Charles  
25 Alexandria  
26 West Monroe  
27 Natchitoches  
28 Vicksburg, Miss

Sells & Gray Circus  
Apr. 22 Ft. Bragg, N.C.  
23 Leeland  
24 Jacksonville  
25 Kinston  
26 Greenville  
27 Nashville  
28 Wake Forest

John Strong's Circus  
Apr. 22-24 Phoenix, Ariz.

Voorheis Bros. Circus  
Apr. 22 Oxford, Mich.  
23 Bad Axe  
24 Enroute  
25 Beaverton  
26 Clare  
27 Saginaw

Wallace & Rogers Circus  
Apr. 24 Grangeville, Idh.  
25 Kamiah  
26-27 Lewiston  
28 Drofino

..... OTHER ROUTES .....  
Country Blue Grass Festival  
Apr. 26-28 San Rafael, Cal

James H. Drew Shows  
Apr. 22-27 Mt. Airy, N.C.

Frank Sinatra Show  
Apr. 24 Washington, DC  
26-27 Chicago, Ill.

Rudy Vallee Show  
Apr. 22-27 Cambridge,  
Mass.

## PEOPLE

ROBERT MOCK is booking dates for the Wallace & Rogers Circus.

MERLE EVANS suffered cuts and bruises as the result of a fall while visiting the Circus Hall of Fame last week.

THE BERTINI FAMILY (unicycles and wire act) joins Garden Bros. Circus today (Apr. 22) after making Florida dates for Howard Suez.

BUBBA VOSS (former circus musician) has been confined to a hospital at Orange, Texas, because of high blood pressure.

TORCHY TOWNSEND is handling advance work for Fisher Bros. Circus.

THE PALACIO FAMILY (flying act) is currently in Europe to tour with the Benneawas Circus of Denmark. They were at Circus Circus in Las Vegas since 1968.

BARBARA HARRIS, who was handling special event features at Capwell's Dept store in Oakland, Cal. has joined the George Matthews Circus as publicity agent.

STU MILLER reports he recently purchased a new Int'l van truck for use as a sleeper. The van will be pulling a baggage trailer.

CLARK McDERMOTT joins the Russell-Johnson Circus this week after making dates in California.

BETTY HUTTON, star of "The Greatest Show on Earth" film is now a cook and housekeeper at a Catholic Rectory in Portsmouth, R. I.

26 West Jefferson  
 27 Wytheville, Va.

Hubler's Int'l Circus  
 Apr. 27-28 Whitehall, Ohio

Keye Cont'l Circus  
 Apr. 24-30 Omaha, Nebr.

Lewis Bros. Circus  
 Apr. 22 Middleboro, Ky  
 23 Harlan  
 24 Cumberland  
 25 Hazard  
 26 Prestonburg  
 27 Paintsville

Polack Bros. Circus  
 Apr. 24 Fresno, Calif.  
 26-28 Oakland

..... OTHER ROUTES .....

Country Blue Grass Festival  
 Apr. 26-28 San Rafael, Cal

James H. Drew Shows  
 Apr. 22-27 Mt. Airy, N.C.

Jose Greco Show  
 Apr. 23 Rochester, N.Y.

Holiday on Ice  
 Apr. 24-28 Houston, Texas

Ice Capades  
 Apr. 25-28 Phoenix, Ariz.

Ice Follies  
 Apr. 25-28 Long Beach, Cal

Rose City Rides  
 Apr. 22-27 St. Clair, Mo.

"The Greatest Show on Earth" film is now a cook and housekeeper at a Catholic Rectory in Portsmouth, R. I.

JOHN HERRIOTT bought the Kristenson's horse van just before joining Beatty-Cole. He has 8 liberty horses, a high school horse plus dogs and ponies.

BOB GIBBS has returned to Lewis Bros. Circus after recovering from a recent illness.



## Florida Dates

Two interesting shows, arranged by Howard Suesz, were presented last month in Florida -- at Tampa and St. Petersburg.

Featured on the programs were:

Ada Smeyls - lions and tigers  
Miss Corine and Miss Janet -  
aerial webs

Key Hanneford - trained dogs  
Miss Lillian - foot juggling  
The Bertinis - unicycles  
The Houcs - plate spinning  
Clown number

Palace Duo - aerial cradle  
-- Intermission --

Key's Pets - mixed animals  
Clown number

The Houcs - juggling

Klara and Klarissa - tightwire

Mimi Zerbini - single trapeze

Lothar - one finger stand

Michael Rice - elephants

Harold Alzana - high wire

.... Klara Valla

## TOP QUALITY CIRCUS

The first circus to ever play West Point Military Academy was the Hanneford Circus, in there last month for two shows. The circus was well received and drew about 6,500 people for its matinee and some 4,500 for the evening performance.

They played in the field house, which is so large that only half of the building was used. It's a nice facility and

## rhinos due

Some 22 white rhinos are due to arrive at the Kings Island Amusement Park, in Kings Mills, Ohio this week (Apr. 25)

The animals, weighing a total of 35 tons, were shipped to the amusement park from Durban, South Africa.

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the ceiling is high enough so that aerial acts really look good.

This show is really a great one and certainly pleases the audience, who gave them response. The music is good and the whole thing moves well, with acts going on in three rings a lot of the time.

..... Tiny Phillips



## Lion Attack

Earlier this month (Apr. 10) a 73 year old woman, who was driving through Lion Country Safari (Irvine, Calif.) with two youngsters, was attacked by a lion and seriously injured.

Mrs. Thelma Samsie got confused when one of the youngsters screamed as a lion approached their car. She rolled the window down instead of up.

The 300 lb lion stuck its paw and head through the open window, clawing and biting the woman.

## Letters

Enjoy your Circus Report very much and recommend it to everyone I know. Hope you can keep it going forever. ... Eugene Jurewicz

Keep up the good work - we really enjoy it. ... Charles Mason

Hospital officials reported she was in serious condition with massive head and scalp injuries. Part of her scalp and cheek were missing and there is a possibility that she will lose the sight of one eye.



## Show Scores Big At Two April Dates

New records were recorded by the Royal Lipizzan Stallion Show for the first week of April. Show producers Gary and Philip Lashinsky report the show presented three performances at Erie, Pa. (Apr. 2-3) and four performances at Niagara Falls, N. Y. (Apr. 5-7) with a total attendance of 30,000 people, resulting in gross sales of \$110,000.

The Erie gross of about \$50,000 for the mid-week date was the largest gross ever recorded in that city for a traveling show. A snow storm at Niagara Falls on April 7th, failed to slow down the attendance and some 6,000 persons turned out to see the show's final performance at the Convention Center.

The Royal Lipizzan Stallion Show winds up its 4th edition tour at Carbondale, Ill. this coming weekend (Apr. 27-28) and then goes into Troy, N.Y. for rehearsals of its new program. The 5th edition tour will start at Troy on May 10-12.

### FINALE

James F. Stutzman, former circus agent who worked for Barton's European Circus, Hunt Bros. and the New Jersey State Fair. Stutzman, who was 72, died late last month at Trenton, N.J. He is survived by a daughter, son and sister.

Sam Wong, who came to the U.S. in 1932 with the Jim Wong Troupe of acrobats from Canton, China. He toured with Ringling, Hagenbeck-Wallace, Polack, several shrine shows and Gil Gray. After retiring in 1966, Mr. Wong operated a restaurant in Dallas. Death came on March 10th at his home in Dallas.

### LEWIS BROS. CIRCUS (Continued)

On the midway are: snake show, concessions, midget bull, big dog, midget pony, elephant rides and moon walk.

#### The program features:

Bob Gibbs-- German sheperds  
Clowns (Gary Henry and Red Newsome) - a dog pie  
Mays Zerbini - trapeze  
Rosa Gibbs - pony drill (6)  
The Zerbini's - comedy table  
Bob Gibbs - camel "Sudan"  
Miss Zoe - swinging ladder  
Gary Henry - comedy pony  
Rosa Gibbs - iron jaw  
Bob Gibbs - comedy elephant  
Miss Mays - sword balancing  
Zo Ann Henry - bareback horse  
Gary, the clown juggler  
Bob Gibbs - liberty mules (6)  
Zerbini - tight wire  
Red Newsome - comedy car number  
Miss Zoe Ann - aerial web  
The Zerbini's - teeterboard  
Bob & Rosa Gibbs - elephants  
.... Paul Van Pool

## the Spring season

Most of the show trucks arrived close together the morning of April 6th, when Carson & Barnes played on a parking lot at Lamar University (Texas). The only truck arriving late was the spool wagon, which had to be towed in because of a broken drive shaft. In fact the wrecker towed the unit about the lot so the canvas could be unloaded.

It was sunny and clear, but windy, most of the day and they really had to tie the tent down. By nightfall it clouded over and there was a hint of rain, but it never came.

All the equipment looks good, but a few touches of paint would put everything into that "brand new" condition. The big top is the one they used last season and needs a few patches.

Show officials guessed that attendance would be small here so only set up part of the seats. The folks came and gave them a good half house or better for each performance. They were all pleased with the show.

Featured in the program is Don Carr, who presents lions, tigers and an elephant in the arena, the Morales and Lopez troupe of flying acts, two specs and 12 elephants. Announcing is handled by Jim Crawford.