



5th Year

February 23, 1976

Number 8

Kaye Regains Big Dates

Three major Shrine dates were awarded to Paul Kaye and the Kaye Continental Circus last week, after a year's absence. All three engagements had been strong Kaye dates in the past, but last year the Temples signed with other producers.

The Kaye Continental Circus will return to Denver on June 12-15 for the Lel Jebel Temple, then goes back to Cleveland for Oct. 8-16 for the Al Sirat Grotto (the Royal Hanneford Circus played the Grotto date just last and now a switch in show dates brings the Kaye show back). The circus will also return to Wichita on Oct. 21-24 for the Midian Shrine Temple.

The Kaye Continental Circus opens its 1976 tour at Chicago on March 8-28, for the Medinah Shrine Temple. Other important dates signed for the upcoming tour include: Terre Haute, Du-
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POLACK SOLID

Acts appearing with Polack Bros. Circus at Louisville, Ky., on Feb. 4-8 included:

Rix's Bears

The Youngs - aerial cradle

Sebastian's trained dogs

The Circus Clowns

The Fullbrights - dressage

Aerial Ballet with Francesca on the single trapeze

The Villams - juggling

Clowns - Bathtub number

Ben DeWayne - elephants

-- Intermission --

Fullbright's liberty ponies

Rosell's comedy car

The Flying Medallions

W. Lentz - chimps

The Canestrellis - trampoline

Rosell Troupe - high wire

Bicentennial Finale

The program was announced by Parley Baer and the clowns included: Walter Stimax, Mildred Hall, Gary Ellis, Josh Silver, and Chester and Joe Sherman.

Added Note

Page 130 of "The People's Almanac" reports: Aug. 22, 1771 - "The widow Bignall placed an advertisement in the Massachusetts Spy. The notice informed seekers of the bizarre that a 22" high dwarf could be seen at her Boston home near Hancock's Wharf. Admission 1 shilling. The exhibition of this 53 year old man was the first such event in the Colonies."

....Chuck Burnes

the show

Acts reportedly set for the Coronas Circus engagement at West Orange, N.J., on April 29-May 3 include:

Rex Williams - elephants

Zamperlas - riding/sword balance

The Burgers - chimps and dogs

The Lipko chimps

Medros - one finger stand/dogs

Satani - fire sword act

Fornasari Family - clown/tramp.

Baron Von Uhl - wild animals

The Coronas - aerial numbers

Stevana - single trapeze

Scalzo - illusions

Ernie Lanterman - prod. clown

Mario Alberti - announcer



The Moore's of Modesto (Calif.) have their own Bionic Grandpa. Dwight gained a new stainless steel knee (just couldn't get a chrome one) on Feb. 9th. Bob, his wife Jeanne and Bonnie are organizing the confusion for the Mongrel Revue's 1976 season.

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Lipazzans Draw Big

January was a big month for the Royal Lipizzan Show, produced by Gary Lashinsky and directed by John Finley. The show opened its 1976 tour at Lakeland, Fla. (Jan. 2-4) with its special Bicentennial Edition.

For the four weeks of last month, with 23 performances in 12 cities, the show had gross sales of almost \$400,000. The best dates were Atlanta, with one show drawing 9,000 people and gross sales of \$39,000; Huntsville (Ala) with two shows drawing 10,000 people for gross sales of \$50,000; St. Petersburg drawing 15,000 for gross sales of \$60,000; Houston drawing 15,000 people with gross sales of \$76,000 and San Antonio drawing 5,000 people for gross sales of \$25,000.

Promoters used during the January period included Pace Management of Houston, who handled that city and San Antonio and in three performances grossed over \$100,000 for the show.

The show is playing Mexico City for three weeks where advance sales are well ahead of the 1973 engagement in that city. Promotions are under the direction of Joaquin Guerra.

The show will open its state-wide tour once again at Abilene on March 5th, operating continuously through Dec. 5th. Special features include "The Spanish Riding Show", Albert Ostermaier, Edith Evans and David Jay.

On March 18th, the International Unit will open in Rio for a four week engagement, followed by a six month tour of Brazil, under the promotional sponsorship of TV Globo. The unit is booked through the Jack Sidney Organisation.

SHOW FOLKS

Animal trainer John Herr-iott was recently named a "Circus Celebrity" by the Ringling Museum of the Circus. Adding to the occasion was the presence of such well-known circus people as Mr. & Mrs. Rudy Bundy, Norma Fox, Mr. & Mrs. Emmett Kelly, Elly Ardety, Mr. & Mrs. Freddie Freeman, Mr. & Mrs. Karl Wallenda, Gunther Wallenda, Carla Wallenda and Mr. & Mrs. Merle Evans

Others attending the program were: Jack Painter, John Boyle, Herman Linden, Wilson Poarch, John Hurdle, Bette Leonard, Mr. & Mrs. Jim Strobridge, Mr. & Mrs. Dave Hoover and Chap-pie Fox.

Miscellaneous

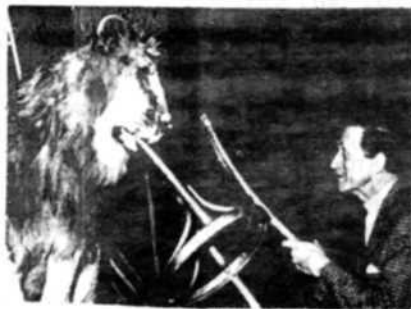
Carson & Barnes will open the 1976 season in Texas, then plans to tour north into the New England states.

Royal Ranch will produce a Bicentennial theme program for the upcoming tour.

Castle Off to Good Start

The Castle Int'l Circus opened in Grand Rapids (Mich) the week of Jan. 26th for a week's run and then jumped into Fort Wayne (Ind), firing off the first two stands of a 28 week tour including a string of Canadian dates.

A strong line-up of acts is featured (See CR - Feb. 16, 1976



- Page 2). Clown Alley consists of Gene Randow, Jimmy Armstrong, Lee Marx and Alfredo Sanchez. The show's staff consists of: Hubert Castle, executive producer; Lucky Larabee, ringmaster; Clement Toca, musical director; Bob Dunn office and Pablo Sanchez, props.

Tarzan Zerbini, wild animals and Jacqueline Zerbini, aerial, are headlining all the major dates through June, when Tarzan makes his annual trek to Fantasy Island in Buffalo (NY) for the summer.

Rumor has it that Anita Vargas has returned from South America to open with Castle in Fort Wayne for the season. The Joe Zoppe Arabian Riders will spot late. Jimmy Hall's bears, out of

Well Received

New records were set by the Ringling-Barnum Blue Unit at St. Petersburg, Fla. (Jan. 6-11) where a total of 67,000 people attended the circus. The figure, according to a Bayfront Center Complex report, does not include the elderly or children who were free guests for the annual NBC-TV taping at the facility.

Unconfirmed reports indicate business was such this year that the circus will extend its stay in St. Petersburg next season.

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the program temporarily due to Jimmy's bad health, are expected back in the line-up by Minneapolis.

Among the top Shrine dates inked for the Castle tour are: Indianapolis, Columbus, Dayton, Omaha, Memphis and Winnipeg.

.... BB

BILLY BARTON...*

WHAT'S THE MOST BEAUTIFUL BUST IN THE WORLD? IRENE FOSSETT - who lost the top of her costume in the TONGO act during Shrine Night in Detroit. "I was never so humiliated in my life!" the buxom Irene wailed. I don't know why. She is one of the most gorgeous gals ever to grace a circus ring!

A Special Thanks and Hello to the MONAHANS who airmailed a letter from England. According to their return address this acrobatic troupe is currently in Amsterdam.

And...what's this letter bit between Ray Valentine, Jr., and oh so lovely BARBARA VAN VOORDEN - a new romance brewing?TARZAN ZERBINI offered a really super BIG money deal by an Italian Circus....Apparently those rumors about ANITA VARGAS headed for retirement are premature...she's supposed to be due back from South America any time now.

HERBIE WEBER disposed of his circus equipment - seats to SID KELLNER, other odds and ends to Mid-America Circus. The G-M Circus will hit the West Coast in less than three weeks after it opens in West Virginia. Is it true the author of the TOM MIX story, soon to be a movie, will travel East with the show?

Changing of the Guard: Capt JAMES DAVIS, former manager of Fisher Bros. Circus goes to Franzen Bros. Circus. New manager for Fisher Bros. is HARRY

RAWLS...Circus Kingdom will have a unit at Busch Garden in Williamsburg, Va., managed by former producing clown JOSH SILVER who will also make dates for WALTER STIMAX.

ATTENTION! -- RBBB - ELVIN BALE - CHARLEY BAUMAN! A hardcore all male porno flick called "DRIVE" is in general distribution. It contains suggestive segments involving the RBBB Spec, Bauman's tigers and a concentration of close-ups of Elvin Bale in the air and on the ground. These shots provide inflammatory background that flash to hardcore action. The flick is by Hand-in-Hand Productions, directed by Jack DeVeau.

Has Sir VICTOR JULIAN turned into a bird fancier or a bird seller or both?...The ROCK-SMITH cannon act debuted in Fort Wayne with Castle and reports are it is a sensation - built on a Dat-sun body it can be maneuvered through doors and into arenas other cannons cannot be driven. The shot in Fort Wayne went the length of the building and over the Rodriguez bar act.

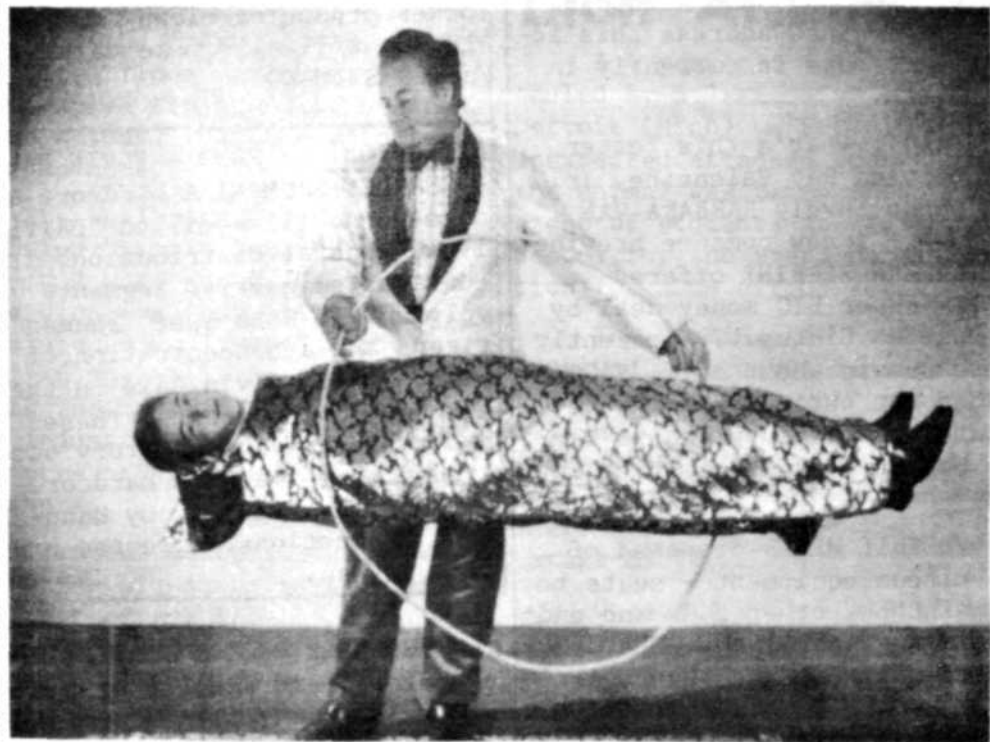
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Zone One is the amusements - merry-go-round, kiddie rides, ferris wheel, plus several major thrill rides for adults.

Zone Two features a large zoo, also a petting zoo, both containing well over 100 animals: elephants, lions, camels, ponies, llamas and the usual assortment of petting zoo animals suitable for children to touch and feed.

Zone Three is the picnic grove, with 2000 tables, a parking lot for 6000 cars (which is in addition to the larger parking lot in front of the park), a recreation area with baseball diamond and a dance hall.

Zone Four is the Circus Area - a one ring format, with seats on three sides and back drop with stage. The circus performed at 2 p.m. daily, features Gary Brunke's 8 lion act, the Walt King elephants, a llama act worked by Billy King and high school

ponies worked by Christopher King.



Other shows, performed at various times throughout the park are included, a puppet show at 1 p.m. and an illusion show at 3 p.m. The illusion-magic show will be handled this year by Billy and Christopher King.

Props were obtained through Jimmy Douglass and Roy Houston. Last season Roy Houston was the featured illusionist.

Although King curtails his outside circus activities during the park season he does book out the Brunke Lion act, but only because he has a second, smaller cage act available during Brunke's absence.

Brunke's lions have already appeared at Don Francisco's White Plains (NY) date. Coming up are Rochester Shrine Circus for M&M, some Michigan dates for Voorheis, Lincoln Nebraska Shrine date for M&M and the Des Moines Shrine Circus.

The Walt King elephants and Storybook Act recently played

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ROUTES

- Bauer-Hall Circus
Feb 24-Mar 6 Orlando, Fla.
- Circus Vargas
Feb. 25-26 Huntsville, Ala.
27-Mar 1 Birmingham
- Cole All Star TV Circus
Feb. 26 Elba, N. Y.
27 Batavia
28 Oakfield
- Coronas Circus
Feb. 27-29 W. Palm Bch, Fla.
- Tommy Hanneford Circus
Feb. 27-29 Charleston, S. C.
- Holiday Hippodrome Circus
Feb. 23 McComb, Miss.
24 Hattiesburg
25 Troy, Ala.
27 Selma
28 Marietta, Ga.
- Ringling-Barnum - Red Unit
to Feb. 29 Atlanta, Ga.
- Stebbing Royal European Circus
Feb. 26-29 Sarasota, Fla.
- John Strong Circus
Feb. 23 Edgemont, Calif.
24 Hemet
25 Lake Elsinore
26 Frobrook
27 Vista
28-29 Escondido
- Swan Bros. Circus
Feb. 28-29 Old Sacramento, Ca.
- Tripoli Shrine Circus
Feb. 24-29 Milwaukee, Wisc.

Tooth Work

A pet SPCA lion named "Tiger" underwent a dental operation at Hampton (Va.) on Feb. 16, with no bad after effects for anyone. Two doctors performed a root canal operation on the 500 lb., 2 year old lion.

After being injected with a sedative, the lion's mouth was kept open by a wooden prop. The nerve of a broken tooth was removed, the tooth was packed and capped. The next day the animal was eating regularly.

.... OTHER ROUTES

American Freedom Train
Feb. 26-28 Ft. Worth, Texas
29-Mar 4 Dallas

Black Watch Troupe
Feb. 23 Fresno, Calif.
24-25 San Francisco
27 Portland, Ore.
28-29 Seattle, Wash.

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Circus Greats Named

Five additions to the Circus Hall of Fame, in Sarasota, Florida, were elected on Feb. 9th, by members of the national awards election committee.

In announcing the honorees G. Herbert Garrido, director of the Hall of Fame, said the list now includes 85 circus greats.

The honorees are: Tosca Canestrelli, bounding rope; Winifred Colleano, trapeze; Merle Evans, band leader; Arthur Court wild animal trainer, and the seven Zacchini brothers, cannon act.

The election committee, which met in Sarasota, selected the honorees from a list of 18 nominees.

..... Eric Wilson

NEW HOME

The Italian circus elephant "Mowgly" has won her freedom in a new home, thanks to thousands of people around the world. (see CR for Jan. 26, 1967).

An instant controversy erupted when the elephant's owner announced she would be executed for having killed two of her keepers.

Animal lovers throughout the world protested against the decision and now "Mowgly" has a new home at the Safari-Zoo in Fasno, Italy.

COMING SOON

The Serialized "STORY OF FAY ALEXANDER"
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Carson & Barnes

On Feb. 13, 1976, Dorey R. Miller, was the proud owner of 52 elephants. There were 44 in the barn at Hugo, Okla., and eight on the road.



Miller's huge herd of elephants consists of 27 Indian and 3 African elephants under 5½ ft. tall and 2 large African and 20 large Indian elephants.

ROUTES

The following routes were received too late for last's week's paper.

Hubert Castle Circus
Feb. 20-22 Albuquerque, N.M.
23 Las Cruces

Ice Follies
Feb. 16-22 Boston, Mass.

Harlem Globetrotters
Feb. 21 New Orleans, La.

Ringling-Barnum - Blue Unit
Feb. 17-22 Raleigh, N. C.

Shrine Circuses
Feb. 18-21 Rochester, N.Y.
20-22 Tucson, Ariz.

Show Acts

Acts currently working at the Old Chicago Mall (Illinois) includes: Saul Shafton, The Kellys, Antonucci's Chimps, Arwood's Dogs, Cleo, Miss Cheri, Loreli, Miss April, The Crazy Sailors, Mr. Bell, Veno Venito, Johnny Luxem, The Burketts, The Walters, Stagg McMann, Tony & Chris, Ernie Johnson and Coleman's Puppets.

In Memoriam

LOUIS W. "Speedy" BABBS (71) Rider of the "Globe of Death" died at Stuart, Fla. on Jan. 24. He spent almost all of his life in show business. Burial took place at Stuart, Fla.

show days

The annual Hospitalier Circus, at Lansing, Mich., will be held on March 4-7th, at the Lansing Civic Center. The show will be produced by Harold Voise.

..... George DaDeppo



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BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

PEOPLE

DARYL KEENER recently returned to the States after a 2 year foreign tour with the Lancelot Link Chimps.

BILLIE GRUBB was reportedly hospitalized with an attack of Bronchitis.

THE STANEKS, teeterboard act, substituted for the Canestrelli's trampoline number with Polack at Tucson, Ariz.

JEFF WOOSMAN, former Hoxie elephant man and now a reporter at Medina (Ohio) was on hand to help BOBBY GIBBS at Cleveland.

FELIX SILLA, midget actor, and formerly with Ringling, is a co-star in the film "The Black Bird."

LINDA and JOHN STRONG graduated from High School on Jan. 29th and have joined their father's show. Linda plans to join the Navy in June.

DWIGHT MOORE is recuperating from a recent knee operation and would enjoy cards and letters. Write him at: 513 Kiernan Ave., Modesto, Calif.

GARY and ZOE ANN HENRY will have a red, white and blue three horse Roman riding number on the Hoxie show this year.

JUNE DEWSBURY, midget clown who played Donald Duck with one of the "Disney on Parade" shows has been visiting friends in Southern California, while waiting for Kaye Cont'l to open.

CHIP BURNES, 11 year old son of Chuck and Bambi Burnes, appeared in a pilot film for a possible new "Mickey Mouse Club" series at the Disney Studios.

JIM PARKER, veteran clown, plans to retire from the Navy in December and then will return to circus life on a full time basis

HANNEFORD

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CIRCUS

Charleston, S.C. - Feb. 27-29

HANNEFORD CIRCUS

by
GEORGE
DaDEPPO

Circus enthusiasts unanimously agree that the Hanneford Circus' approach to staging the 1976 Detroit Moslem Shrine Circus was refreshing, delightful and exciting.

From the fresh, clean, colorful area floor coverings to the decorative Bicentennial overhead decorations, creative effort is the keynote.

The well-paced opening production "Razzle Dazzle" captures the audience and warms them for the displays that follow. The "Salute to Hollywood" aerial ballet, by Billy Barton, brings back the opulent era of the movie industry, and is a unique way of presenting an aerial extravaganza.

Dramatic concept, staging and lighting win approval with the "Planet of the Apes" and the "3001 Space Odyssey." The producer's "Salute to America" in "This Is My Country" and the "All Nations Finale" are all out efforts in pagentry and dazzling costumes and proof that expense was not spared in making this the successful presentation that it is.

Interweave the above productions with display after display of feature acts and you be-



Emil and Debbie Goetschi are the parents of a son, Zachary Emil, born Feb. 4, 1976 and weighing 7 lbs and 5 oz.

His father is DeMille, the tightwire artist, who last year toured with Polack Bros. Circus.

Lion Attack

A 4 year old deaf girl was mauled by a "friendly" lion in Detroit (Mich) on Feb. 10th. The unexpected attack occurred as the animal was being shown to a group of students at the Luthern School for the Deaf, as a promotion for some circus activity.

The victim, Lee Kowalsky, received severe wounds after being bitten by "Caesar" owned by Bill Mayer, of nearby Westland. Doctors said the youngster will have permanent scars and report there will be some emotional damage as well.

Caesar's attack was witnessed by the girl's parents and her two sisters, as well as many other people. The entire event was recorded on the school's new video tape machine and later was shown on a Detroit TV news broadcast.

gin to understand why everyone is raving about this show, produced by Tommy Hanneford, and wish him the best for this 1976 season.

BILLY BARTON (Continued)

RON MORRIS (Wallenda biog) visited and said the book will be out this month. Yes, I promise to review it, Ron!....The FEARLESS BAUERS will play their third consecutive season at Great Adventure in N.J....CASEY GIBBS is overseas with Disney on Parade....The new ZOPPE 3001 Space Aerial Act played Rochester for M&M and will make Pittsburgh (Pa) for Garden.

Detroit Jottings: The "flu epidemic" made its annual appearance, sweeping through the show. No one was immune..BOBBY GIBBS crashed Mickey Mo Fossett's kiddee birthday party....TONY STEELE did a bang-up job replacing injured "Keystone Kop" BOBBY DAVIS in the final car chase during the Hollywood number....and Dave Dague with sidekick SIDEWALL SID carted Bobby to a nearby pub in a stretcher!....MIKE KLUCKER stooged for Hanneford in the Riding School....HANS WINN dismayed by his nightly Baptism by Gibb's Shepherds....FREDDIE and BECKY SCHMIDT cutting up jackpots backstage with the gang.

CARLA WALLENDAs son, Mario, is on the road with the DUBSKYS....KAY FRANCIS HANNEFORD's condition improving...ditto JIMMY HALL....TEDDY STEWART out of the hospital and limbering up...GEORGE DaDEPPO and the writer visiting and talking "shop" (writer's stalk).

Has He Lost His Touch?

KARL WALLENDAs was fixing his office roof, fell off on his head. Now...KARL!

CHICK JOHNSON informs me that DOC STANDRING has retired from his circus activities in Evansville. Too busy catching thieves with his burglar alarm business, I suspect! DAVE (Midge) BURNHAM on tour with Royal Hanneford....DAVID MAAS has begun his slack wire act. The rigging belonged to the DAM BROS....WALLY & CHERYL continued - unabated - their show-stopping comedy antics in Detroit.

Clippety-Clop: HOFMEISTER's eight horse Appaloose Liberty Act will tour with CLYDE BEATTY CIRCUS....HERRIOTT's to Garden Bros....EDITH EVANS (owner of the Mission Del Campaniro night spot in Mexico City) is currently featured on the LIPIZZAN STALLION Show with her Andalusia horses...and JACK & SANDY FULLBRIGHT are going over BIG with Polack.

For Nostalgia Buffs: Veteran clown HARRY ROSS reveals that the late, GREAT film star WALLACE BEERY got his start as an elephant hand.

CARLA WALLENDAs no longer has to worry about thieves in her Victory Garden. It froze.

See you down the road, luvs.



PEOPLE

HARRY ROOKS, a long-time showman and most recently with Royal Bros. (Canada) is seriously ill and would enjoy cards and letters. Write him at: St. Joseph Hospital, Paris, Texas.

HENRY BUSH (32 Robinson Ave. Newburgh, NY) is looking for photos of Hunt Bros. Circus made opening day of 1975.

GARY HARMER, formerly with the John Strong Circus made set decorations for Swan Bros. Circus. TUFFY JOHNSON has also been helping the new show get going.

VIRGINIA FENTON, organist; HARRY ROSS, clown and the HENRY animals are featured on the all new HENRY BROS. CIRCUS playing in Arizona.



KAYE CONT'L CIRCUS (Continued)

luth, Syracuse, Jackson and St. Louis. The overall tour will be an extensive one, running well into the latter part of the year as in the past.

Rumors

An important west coast based show in trouble and is about to collapse.

Filming on a major 20th Century Fox film about the circus has been suspended indefinitely.

Miscellaneous

Hunt Bros. Circus plans to open its 1976 tour the last week of April and will play its usual eastern route.



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KING'S ANIMALAND PARK (Cont'd)

Cleveland and Detroit for Tommy Hanneford, and have yet to fulfill dates at: Rochester and Lansing for Voise; Cincinnati for Hanneford; then Lincoln and Des Moines. Walt winds up his circus route when he makes the Pittsburgh Shrine Circus for Ian M. Garden this spring.



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