



8th Year

July 23, 1979

Number 30

Spectators Scramble

A small dog startled two baby elephants with the Carson & Barnes Circus at Indianola, Iowa, on July 5th, causing a brief scramble among the show's patrons. Circus officials said there never was any danger of a stampede by the elephants.

The incident occurred about halfway through the matinee performance as 10 adult and 10 baby elephants were being led into the circus tent.

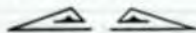
One spectator told newsmen that the elephants came running into the tent and charged towards the bleachers. Some ran up into the seats about two rows and everyone sitting there ran up to the higher seats. The elephants then turned to run towards the other side of the tent when a man came over and stopped them.

A few people reportedly left the tent after the incident, but most of the patrons stayed for the remainder of the performance. About 1600 people were in the tent for the afternoon show.

The evening performance drew about 1300 people and there was no repeat of the afternoon

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The circus was sponsored by the Jaycees whose president Glen Reece said he rode one of the elephants that night. "They are really quite gentle creatures," he said.



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CIRCUS HALL OF FAME . . . by Fred Fisher

Many things are happening here under the direction of the new general manager. The first thing you see upon entering the building is a completely renovated Gift Shop, offering both Florida and Circus Gifts and models of wagons and animals.

At the ticket booth I noticed that prices have not changed despite inflation. Tickets are still \$4.00 for adults and \$1.75 for children 6 thru 15 years. Under 6 years of age, children are free.

I arrived at 9 a.m. in time for the first Side Show tour and discovered it was directed by Pinky Fritz, son of Anna Delmonte Fritz, who had chimps for many years. He takes turns with Monica Kelly, whose mother was a bareback rider and aerialist for years with the Loyal Family, and whose sister Debbie is traveling with the Loyal family in the circus.

Going from the tour to the Puppet Area, this is a completely new show and the whole area has been changed into a Magic Theatre with Roger Taube presenting a very fine illusion show, assisted by Monica Kelly. The show runs 40 minutes.

Following this came the circus tour and to my surprise it was directed by my friend Charles Moyer. It is an interesting and moving experience to take this tour. Charlie tells about the Barnum & Coup Circus, Barnum & Bailey, Ringling Bros. and Big Bertha and you feel you are going down history lane. I was also very impressed with his talk about Clyde Beatty and Mable Stark.

Charlie explains about the arena and calls attention to the lithos adorning the museum and arena area. He points out that the music is played by Dottie Bennett

and then introduces Alfredo Landon who works the show's come-in period.

The program starts with the Adams Dogs. It was very appropriate as we left the Wild West Room, and the dogs are introduced as the K-9's showing how the west was won, with Bobbie and Eric. The dogs drive a stage coach with cowboys and Indians and a covered wagon. Next is Pinky Fritz, doing contortion. This boy is superb at twisting and turning. He's followed by Alfredo Landon with a clown number.

Barbara is featured on the web and followed by a color book pitch with Alfredo autographing each book that is sold. The Acadis hand balancing act with a one finger stand closes this part of the show.

During intermission Charlie presents a new pitch, including the Fun House (new this year), and they are still setting up the balloon pitch and shooting gallery. There's also kiddie rides, and a snack bar with tables.

The second show opens with Andromeda doing a ladder balance, followed by Alfredo's clowning and the Adams Chimps. Alfredo returns and then there is the awarding of a door prize.

The closing of the show this year is new. The Bruski Trio is introduced and they do a dance style into then ride old English bikes all in tux, straw hat and cane. From here they go to unicycles, then the juggling starts, balls, hats, rings and balancing. The finale is a pyramid of sticks and balls all balanced while atop a unicycle.

It is impressive and the audience goes wild and they have to return for a second bow. Then they do the girl around the neck routine and finally have to beg off. At the afternoon show they got a standing ovation. They tear down the house every day and the audiences really love them and the show.

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July 23 Lebanon, Pa.
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July 24-25 Harrington, Dela
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27-28 Chicago, Ill.

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July 27-29 Lvs Angeles, Cal.

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July 24-30 Decatur, Ill.

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July 24-29 Superior, Wisc.

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July 27 Hibbing, Mich.

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July 24 Saratoga, NY
27 Highland Park

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July 23-28 Terre Haute, Ind.

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HOWARD SUESZ bought a townhouse in Harlingen (Tex) in which he has built a special circus room. His address, by the way, is 424 West Harrison, Harlingen and he wants to let everyone know.

ROGER LA MOTHE purchased the Pirates of the Sky aerial rigging this year but has had problems with partners. DAVID CHABIRA filled in recently when Roger's previous partner left without notice.

A number of acts now stay at the KOA in Elkhart, near the Indiana Toll Road. This is a nice KOA with large pool and an enormous recreation building and plenty of room. The FLYING LANES were there recently, also DONNY JOHNSON, and PETE and ISABEL LUVAS and TRUDE LUVAS, as well as many others. The Luvass family were with Kelly Bros this spring and JIMMY DOUGLASS who caught the show tells me that young TAVANA LUVAS is doing an outstanding trapeze act, being trained by TRUDE, and will be our next big aerial star.

CLOSEUPS: EGON and HELMUT KLEMENTI were surprised to see how inflation had struck the USA after spending five months in Santo Domingo. . . PETEY KINOSH is working the German Alps Festival in Hunter (NY) thru the 29th. . . BILL BALLENTINE is writing a book. . . As of 1980 the Great Danbury Fair will no longer exist. Apparently, the Leahy Family, owners of the fairgrounds, have decided to build a shopping center on the site. This has been one of the great fairs and it is a sad sign of changing times. . . I am told that young wirewalker LUIS MUNOZ (of the Monte Carlo Circus) is this generation's RUDOLPH VALENTINO and is freaked-out over by damsels in the audience. . . JESSIE GRIFFITHS writes there is a great state park at Aiken (SC) where performers can park (\$5.00 per day per unit) and welcomes animals. The facility has all hookups and swimming, is run by Rangers who welcome showfolks. . . The organist was with Garden's 3rd unit. Also on the show were Roy Huston, The Gilberts, The Brusks, Inge Williams, the Rolling Diamonds, Mark Anthony, and Connie Welde. . . Jessie is now out on fairs. . . STU MILLER's Magic Time USA is having a good season. He and his troupe visited in Wheaton and spent the time jackpotting magic with Jimmy Douglass. . . ERNST DEL RAY passed away in Sarasota. His death came on the heels of His and Chris' Anniversary trip to the Bahamas, He suffered a fatal heart attack. . . HELEN WALLENDIA went to the CFA Convention and from there to Old Forge (NY) to visit daughter CARLA. . . JENNY WALLENDIA has decided to sell her beautiful De Soto Acres home as it is just too big for her - it's a very nice property if anyone is interested. . . JOHNNY JORDAN is back in

Sarasota, healing well, and expects to be working in the fall. . . PETE LUVAS and daughters recently played a date in Vermont for IAN GARDEN. . . . ARIA's Bears wound up their Canadian tour with Garden - on that unit were the Young Troupe, The Fornasaries, Ron Morris, Lou and Jean Regan, and

Count Nicholas. . . Word is that the TOMMY BARTLETT Water Show in Pigeon Forge (Tenn) is not doing good business - probably due to the gas crunch negating travel this summer. . . Certainly the beach resorts, motels, and some parks are beginning to feel the pinch. . . The FLYING LAR-RAYS are in Japan.

TEDDY and LISA STEWART broke their silence to let me know they are really enjoying life off the road in Tampa, says they are glad they got out when they did before the circus industry was struck by inflation and a ticklish gas situation. Teddy and Lisa have a new house, Ted is working as a Computer Instrument Technician for the city of St. Pete, Lisa has been promoted in her job with GTE/Sylvania. They have their uprights in the backyard just to keep muscle tone and Lisa, who has been studying classical piano, gives her first recital this month. The cat lovers now have two new ones named "Beethoven" and "Tchaikowsky".

JO ANN JENNIER took the body of SUNNY to Florida to bury the animal along with all of the other famous Jennier sea lions. The talented animal died during an engagement at Buck Lake Park near Angola, Ind.

DOLLY, one of the Paul Kaye elephants, was left behind in California for an operation on her foot and thus escaped the wreck enroute from Bentley Bros. in San Bernardino to the Dobritch show at Wheaton (Ill). The two elephants involved in the wreck were skinned and shaken up but survived, although the semi-trailer was practically demolished and the elephants had to be cut out through the top of the vehicle. The accident was caused when an aged male driver pulled out slowly in front of two semis, the elephant truck, and one coming from the opposite direction.

JIMMY DOUGLASS and VERN WOERNER spent the first two weeks of July in Windsor (Ont) dismantling a fabulous church pipe organ which will be shipped to Florida and be featured in their projected museum. This is the second grand pipe organ the pair have dismantled in a month - the other one came out of a church in Indianapolis. Jimmy says he has only two more organs to collect and his museum will be complete.

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July 27-29 Horicon, Wsc.**Show Report**

Acts currently featured with Circus Knie in Switzerland include:

Dimitri, Swiss clown; Germaine and Louis Knie, elephants; The Marilee Flyers, flying act; The Nicolodis, acrobats; Krystyna Terlikowska, 4 tigers and 4 lions; Rositta Rayas, snakes; Remo and Jenny, trapeze; Geraldine Katharina, ponies and goats; Rolf Knie, Jr. and Gaston, clowns; Sorin Munteanu, juggler and The Great Niccolini Brothers, trained chimps.

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Show Report

CARSON & BARNES CIRCUS . . . by Charles Mason

The Carson & Barnes Circus was set up on a nice grassy lot at Creve Coeur, Mo. for its June 24th date and the orange and blue big top made a nice showing. The matinee performance was for a nearly full house and the evening show resulted in a full house, making this date one of the show's biggest Sunday grosses of the season.

The front end has a Pony Ride, Auto Ride, Bubble Bounce, 2 Pit Shows and a candy wagon. The sponsor, a Jewish committee, had 10 concessions for direct sales.

Over 60 animals are on display, including 25 elephants plus an elephant ride, all make up the open air menagerie.

The show is fast moving, offering an hour and forty-five minute program, with all 5 rings working most of the time. The 7 piece band is real circus.

When I first joined Carson & Barnes as the general agent in 1956, it was a small 3 ring mud show, seating about 1200. Since Dorey Miller took the show over after Jack Moore died in 1967, he has built that small show into the Grand-daddy of all tent circuses, seating about 5000, with 5 rings, and carrying 27 elephants, the biggest herd on tour anywhere.

I also caught the show on Tuesday, June 26th at its Hannibal, Mo. date, playing for the Jaycees. Again the matinee was about 80% full.



JOHN STRONG, Jr. has his side show on the midway of the Butler Carnival this season.

PAUL HARRIS, DICK RYAN, DON ALAN, EDDIE TUTLOCH, LARRY WEST, GEORGE JOHNSTONE and BUD DIETRICH, magicians, worked a recent oil industry trade show.

KAY ROSAIRE, lion trainer, is reportedly in Penna., where she is breaking in some new cats for the act.

THE AMAZING CONKLINS, magicians, will tour the Dakotas and the surrounding area for the Assembly Bureau starting in September. At the present time they are on tour with the Martin & Downs Circus in Canada.

ELLA AMANDIS is in charge of the office at the Circus Hall of Fame in Florida.

The big show is using phone promotions on a part time basis. Most dates are sponsored, with the sponsors handling the advance ticket sale.

D. R. Miller informed me that help on the show is fine, but his front end is weak as he is unable to get good agents and bill crews. Most shows have the same trouble these days for there are only a few old time circus agents left to work.

After spending 45 years as agent, owner and promoter, it is very nice to visit but it is good to get home to my desk job as sales manager of Huntford Printing of Milpitas, Calif.

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MAGIC

... by PROF. STU MILLER

Magic Time USA certainly has enjoyed a wealth of visitors this year. In eastern Penna, Tom Ogden, Bob and Sandy Momyer, and several of the Vonderheids. In Reading, Pa., Ken Santee and a group of local magicians and Jim McMann of the Texas Shrine Dates. In Binghamton, NY, Bobby Shot, Rev. Carlson and Doug Welch. In Waverly, NY, Nick Stetz (whom I trouped with on Frank Luckners big magic show almost 30 years ago). In York, Pa., Tops columnist Hal Diamond. In Chambersburgh, Pa., Don Bitner, Ernie Brave and Gary Lensbower.

In Purcellville, Va., animal trainer Ed Tandy. In the Pittsburg area, the Jim Percy Family. In Sharon, Pa. Bill Joy. In Chicago, Werner "Dorny" Dornfield, Bill Dunbar (ex SAM prez), De Lip Yoo and several other people. In Milwaukee, Jack Larkin. In So. Lyon, Mich Floyd Bradbury, mgr. of Bill Garden's Holiday Hippodrome Show.

We laid off at Johnny Canole's place in Altoona the same week Ian Garden was doing the shrine date so did lots of jackpotting with Ian and Mickey Garden, Chuck Schlarbaum, Frank Dailey, Bob Clark and others. Was good to see Reggie Armor up and about. We also spent a week at Shrimp and Gersh Johnston's "Little Bridge Kennels" at Sheldon, Ill.

Spent a day with Jay Marshall at Magic, Inc., in Chicago. This sure is the center of all magic activity in Chicago and a must place to visit. For the third year

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in a row we were able to visit the Dobritch Circus at Wheaton, Ill. As usual they had an outstanding show and again the hospitality extended by Billy Barton and Jimmy Douglass was super.

A fast stop at Abbots, in Colon, Mich., found things in full swing for the annual get-together. Enjoyed a nice chat with Reil Bordner.

Down Mississippi way Dick Berry is keeping busy. He recently did his full evening show in Brookhaven, using a cast of 10 and 12 full stage illusions.

This is being written from Poplar's Mobil Home Park in Elkhart, Ind. and there are several show folks here - the Fossetts, Sharon (Vidbel) and Jack Burke, Don Phillips & Co. to mention a few. This is a great spot to stop, they really treat performers nice.

Missed seeing Jerry Conklin at Colon, he is with Al Stencil's circus in Canada this year, but understand he will be home for Abbott's convention.

Ken and Roberta Griffin are taking their show to Alaska again. Gary Holveck is the magician with Bill Garden's Showtime Follies unit and Roy Huston is with Garden's 3rd unit. Understand Jim Nordmark has sent some illusions to his circus unit which is now covering his magic show dates.

Rev. Jim and Mrs. Percy were involved in a very serious accident which made it necessary for Rick Percy to leave our show. His replacement on the trumpet is Ben Bierman who had been with Circus Vargas. Showgirl Barbara Sherry also just recently joined as did Stuart Miller, Jr. who is working the spotlight.

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However, John plans to continue to operate and promote indoor shows. This fall and early next year he will tour a magic show featuring Kim Dickson. During the holiday season John will operate three show units, two in the mid-west and one on the west coast.

John says he would be available to book and provide seven promoters for the new circus owner, if needed.

In the meantime the circus has been enjoying good business despite a long run of bad weather. They had five weeks of steady rain and mud and at Xenia, Ohio, the show suffered a partial blowdown when hit by an advancing storm (see CR, July 16, Page 9). Two other small shows were also in the path of the storm, but it is still not known if they suffered any damage from the strong winds and rain.

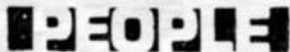
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REV. AUSTIN MILES worked the Freedom Week Celebration Circus for Eddie Zacchini on July 30th. He also worked the PTL Club Circus telecast which featured TINO WALLEDA ZOPPE's Maranatha Circus. The show was taped at Charlotte, NC on June 28-29.

TRACEY ANN BISHOP and DANIEL TRAVIS, were married at Oak Lawn, Mich, on July 14th. She is the daughter of BILLY and ANN BISHOP, professional magicians.



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Jimmie & Millie also worked for the Dwight Damon Entertainment Agency on July 3rd at Everett, Mass. and July 4th at Merrimack, N.H. Other acts working these dates were: JOE PHILLIPS, wonder horse and dogs; CLARKIE and his elephant; KEN SHERBURNE

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BOB WELZ, who is working with an indoor show in Puerto Rico, will be with the Kaye Continental Circus in Honolulu next month as announcer.

FRANKLIN (Westy) WESTERVELT visited the Beatty-Cole Circus at Manalpan, N.J. (June 25-27) and then visited Hoxie Bros. Circus at Manahawkin, N.J. on July 3rd.

THE CORTEZ FLYING ACT will replace the FLYING PADILLAS while they are in Europe for five weeks, on leave from Circus Vargas. They will return to the show in Colorado.

THE VOLARE'S new trapeze act that recently completed an engagement in Reno (Circus Circus) consists of: Michael Redpath, catcher, with Lisa Hartzell, Eva Dunleavy and Cathy Fletcher, flyers.

JIM SWAFFORD recently returned to his home in Burbank, Calif., after visiting with friends in Las Vegas and San Diego.

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One little girl, about six years old, was never identified. She became known as "Little Miss 1565" from the numbered tag on her body in the morgue. The Hartford (Conn) police spent many years trying to discover her name, but her identity still remains a mystery. But she has never been forgotten.

Three times a year, for 33 years, Thomas C. Barber, a police detective who was on duty at the circus that ill-fated day and later led the search for the girls parents, placed flowers on her grave.

Each Christmas, Memorial Day and the anniversary of the fire became a Hartford tradition.

Barber died a year and a half ago. But before his death the Allied Florists Association of Central Connecticut vowed to continue the tradition. It's also carried on by his daughter, Mrs. Gloria Vieth.

"It was something so close to my father's heart," she explains, "and he felt so much for that little girl, that I continue to lay flowers on her grave out of love and respect for him."

On July 6, 1944, Barber was assigned to duty on the circus lot. As a result he felt a special attachment to the little girl whose body was never claimed. His own son, also six years old, was supposed to have gone to the circus that day with an uncle. However, their plans were changed at the last minute. The son of a fellow detective was among those killed in the fire.

Agencies investigating missing persons say the case of Little Miss 1565 is one of the most baffling they have ever run up against.

Barber spent years tracking down leads, with the help of fellow officers. They sent dental charts to hundreds

In Memoriam

CORNELIA OTIS SKINNER (80) an actress and writer, died at her New York City apartment on July 9th, after suffering a cerebral hemorrhage. She had been ill for about a year.

Her parents were stage stars and she made her acting debut in 1921. Since that time she made stage tours, wrote poetry, books and plays.

She was a member of the Circus Fans of America, and is survived by three children.



FRANK DEAN achieved a world record on July 4th when he successfully roped 5 horses at one time by tossing the loop off his foot, at Acton, Calif. Dean is working with the Will Rogers Roping for Records contest which will be held in Claremore, Okla. on Oct. 12.

of dentists in the area, questioned mailmen, school teachers and shop keepers, all unsuccessfully. They tried to match her to adult victims of the fire and checked with everyone who claimed a body at the morgue. Pictures were circulated everywhere, but to no avail.

Barber, who investigated more than 200 murders in his 35 years on the Hartford police force, was known as one of the city's better policemen. He won national attention for the case he couldn't solve. But when he died at the age of 81 he was most remembered for not having forgotten Little Miss 1565.

He paid his final visit to her grave two years ago, just a few months before he died.

"He wanted to do it," Mrs. Vieth recalls, "because he said he knew it would be the last time."

But even though Tom Barber is gone, the tradition he started will be carried on.

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The Emmett Kelly, Jr. Circus made an impressive showing for its June 29-July 4 engagement at the fair in San Rafael, Calif. The fair was a one price admission (\$4.00 for adults) event with all shows and carnival rides offered on a free basis. Patrons only had to pay for food, gifts or games. A unit of the Foley & Burk Carnival was set up as the midway attraction.

The circus was presented on a two and three times a day schedule in the luxurious county theatre. There's a big stage with ample backstage area, plus special lighting and other facilities.

Announcements were handled by Nancy Kelly and the program featured Emmett Kelly, Jr. in a number of spot gags. Acts appearing with the show were: Bob Moore's Mongrel Revue; Chester Cable, foot juggling; the Verdu Sisters, rolling globes/novelty; John McPeak, juggler; Wini McKay, trapeze; Heidi Wendany with horse and pony drill; Los Latinos, tightwire; Princess Omar, one finger stand and Carol Cheney and Baby Tarra.

Prior to each performance Herbie Weber presented his slide for life act outdoors.

Each performance drew SRO crowds and unfortunately the building's ushers were there to tell people they had to be seated or must leave, that fire regulations prohibited standees during show performances.

On the final day, July 4th, the performance was marred by a bomb threat, which required that everyone leave the building while officials searched for the reported bomb. When no bomb was to be found and after the specified time had passed the spectators returned and the show was continued.

IT'S NEW - Each of the five elephant attendants at the Philadelphia Zoo will receive annual bonuses of \$1,000 for working with potentially dangerous animals, under terms of a new contract signed this month by workers and zoo officials.

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THE THURANOS, wire act, are appearing at the C'est Magnifique Show at the Cal-Neva Lodge in Nevada. The show also features ERIC BODICTON with his novel dog act.

GARY HOLVECK and Family have been presenting their magic show at the Beech Bend Park in Bowling Green, Ky.

CHESTER CABLE and **WINI McKAY** were visiting with friends in Las Vegas last week enroute to show dates in the east.

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THE RUSS SAUNDERS TRIO were on the MIKE DOUGLAS TV Show on July 5th. The group just finished working with the FENTON Family who will be doing a teeterboard act on an ice show this year.

DORIAN BLAKE, illusionist, was the guest of COUNT DESMOND (Guinness World record holder for sword swallowing) at the Guinness Hall of World Records over the July 4th holiday. He also visited with DON LANNING of the Wax Museum at Myrtle Beach, SC.

REPORT

CARSON & BARNES NOTES

...by Robert Schippers

The writer spent three days with Carson & Barnes in Iowa early this month and thoroughly enjoyed them.

The show had a straw house at Ottumwa where the circus was set up at a trailer park. Also booked into the same spot was the carnival, Star Amusements.

At Bella the following day the lines were even longer at the ticket office.

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Miscellaneous

The New York School for Circus Arts was recently granted a tax-emempt status by the IRS.

Some 129 animals were shipped aboard a Lykes Line freighter last month, going from Long Beach to Taiwan for zoos in the Orient.

Paint, Hardware and Wallpaper stores now have both Magic and Circus-type wallpaper, consisting of reproductions of old lithos. The 35 sq. ft. rolls sell for \$15.95 (Magic FV-0308) and Circus FV-0308).

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PEOPLE

DON BRIDWELL (Whizzer the Clown) has been signed by Klein's Attractions to appear with fellow clown **RICK LEGG** at the Ohio State Fair in Columbus for Aug. 14-26.

DON ARTHUR, magician and builder of circus props, had his evening magic show in Medford, Oregon, on July 7th. Don is currently building props for the Ringling shows.

THE RITO BROTHERS (Eric and Tom Weinholdt) are enjoying sitting still for a while working in the Audience Participation Circus at Circus World, under the direction of **VICTOR GAONA**.

BOB EMERICO (Hi Fi the Clown) worked a July 3-4 date at Salem, Oregon, and has been signed to work at the Oregon State Fair this fall.

DOUG HENNON, magician, recently played Columbus, Ohio, where he reportedly drew a big crowd.

TOMMY CURTIN (juggler), **PEYTO & RAYE** (canine revue) and **DORIAN BLAKE** (illusionist) have been signed for the Great American Circus Variety Show at Charlotte, N.C. on July 20th. The program is sponsored by the North State Law Enforcement Officers Association.

Miscellaneous

Two babies were born at the fair in Hanford, Calif., last month, to mares in the Funs-A-Poppin Circus pony drill. The new arrivals have been named Re-cale and Charra.

REPORT

TOMMY HANNEFORD CIRCUS

... by Don Sandman

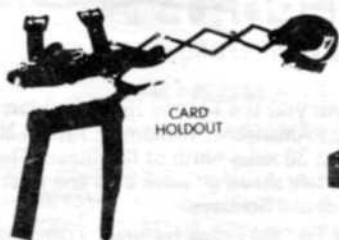
Again this year the Tommy Hanneford Circus is playing at the Americana Amusement Park in Middletown, Ohio, just 30 miles north of Cincinnati. The circus presents two shows on week days and three shows on weekends and holidays.

On July 1st, the shows featured: Trampoline with the Anthonys (Gary Balstrum, Ed Holm and Mark Karoly), Tajana and her tigers, Gorilla Mongo (Ed Holm with Elaine Sloain, Chryl Jones, Nellie Hanneford), Debbie Chapman, trapeze, Chair Balancing by Gary Balstrum, Wash Women Clowns, Wally and Chryl, The Ventura Duo, aerial perch, The Hanneford Riding Act with Katherine Hanneford, ringmaster and riding are Tommy Hanneford, Nellie Hanneford, Struppi Hanneford, Terri Balstrum, Gary Balstrum, Mark Karoly, Ed Holm, the Hanneford elephants with Elaine Sloain, Nellie Hanneford, Mark Karoly and Tommy Hanneford.

Senor Rai is the ringmaster/announcer, Keith Killinger is musical director, Dwight Hanson is the prop boss with a crew of four, Harold Katszu is animal supt., and Tatajana Lewis, cat supt. Clowning is handled by Wally and Chryl Jones.

The show plays under a permanent building built just for the circus and in the back lot there is room for the elephants where they can be viewed from the park midway. There is also room for the cat cages, horses, show trailers and even a cook house where Tommy makes breakfast for everyone every morning.

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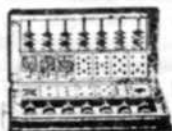


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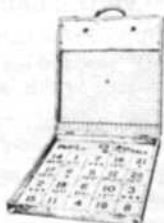
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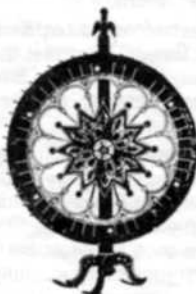
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PEOPLE

RICHARD TRAHAS, former circus man, would like to get in touch with: **HAPPY KELLEMS**, **ALVIE MADDOX** and **COUNT NICHOLAS**. They can write him at: 19711 Linday, Detroit, Mich. 48235.

SAM ALEXANDER and **BOBBY REYNOLDS** have their Side Show on the midway of the **Foley & Burk Shows**. They also have several other shows on the midway.

RUTH and **JOHN OWEN** left **Hoxie Bros. Circus** and joined **Circus Girard** for the summer season.

GARY THORNTON is breaking in a "lion dog act" at **Richmond, Ill.** The act includes 10 black Chows and 2 blonde Chows.

ED HENNESSY, popular west coast entertainer and MC, celebrated his 70th birthday on July 6th at the

MAILBAG

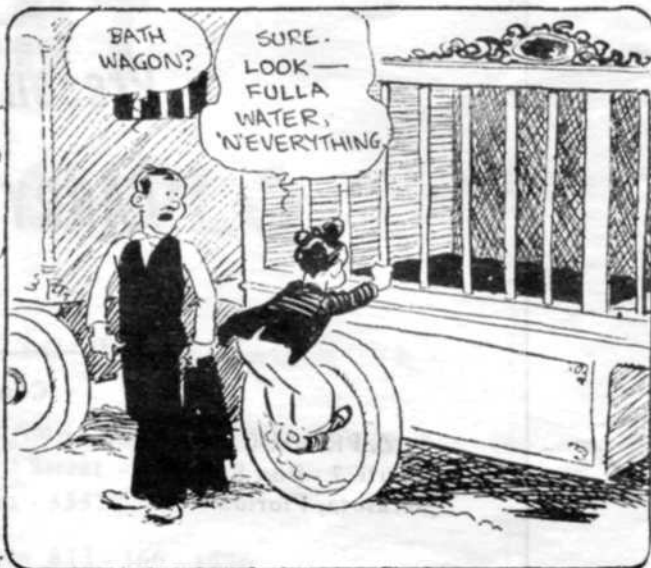
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fair in **Pleasanton, Calif.** He was surprised during the evening's stage show when members of the Fair staff presented him with a birthday cake.

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PEOPLE

MIKE GRIFFIN, escape artist, made headlines when he escaped from chains after being tossed into Lake Arrowhead (Calif.) late last month.

LOTTIE BRUNN, juggler, recently worked a "Storytown Park" date at Lake George, N.Y.

In Memoriam

JAMES KAARO (68) a former sheriff and a trick rope artist, died of a heart attack on June 30th at Hamilton, Mont. He was performing for the Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association when he collapsed, suffering from a massive heart attack. He died shortly after at a local hospital.

He served with the U. S. Cavalry in the 1930's, and after World War II he worked as a trick roper and animal trainer with King Bros. Circus and Cole Bros. Circus. Later he became a law enforcement officer and most recently he worked with the Montana Labor Dept.

GUS SEARCY, magician, has been signed to appear at the annual "50th State Fair" in Hawaii this fall.

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JOHN BALDWIN's Charming Chimps and **DIRK ARTHUR**, magician with exotic birds, were in Mexico for a TV taping of the special "Siempre Domingo". They were also booked by Simone Finner.

BOB HOPE will air his TV special "A Trip to China" this fall. The program features a variety of performers, including the world's only trained Panada.

HANS PANTAR and **MAUREEN**, crossbow target experts, are featured in the MGM show "Hello, Hollywood, Hello" at Reno, Nevada. Also appearing in that show is **JOHNNY HART**, illusionist who makes a car disappear.

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IN MEMORIAM

HANS-GERD PROMPER (28) of Duesseldorf, West Germany, was shot and killed at Houston, Texas on July 8th. Promper was attending an International Brotherhood of Magicians Convention, and was killed by a would-be robber as he and a female companion walked to their hotel about 1:30 .am.

The girl, who was also from West Germany, told police the man came up behind them as they walked from the convention hotel to their own hotel, just a short distance away.

The man told the pair to stop, but Promper told his companion to keep going. The assailant then jumped on Promper and a struggle ensued.

After Promper was killed, the assailant tried to steal the woman's purse, but she resisted and the man fled empty-handed.

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