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## Stock Holding Gain

Gulf & Western Industries, Inc., have obtained 1.8 million shares of Madison Square Garden Corp., as a result of its recent purchase offer. The company had offered to buy all 2.9 million outstanding shares of Madison Square Garden Corp., at a price of \$10 per share.

Gulf & Western, which owns Paramount Pictures, Consolidated Cigar Corp. and Schrafft Candy, now owns 3.7 million shares of Madison Square Garden Corp. stock. This gives them a 77% share of the New York entertainment facility.

In addition, Penn Central Transportation Co., offered 207,618 shares, which could give the company an 81% ownership. However the sale of these shares must be approved by a U. S. District Court overseeing Penn Central's pending reorganization.

Madison Square Garden, home of a basketball and hockey team, has lost money ever since it opened its new building in 1968.

## A New Show

The coming third RBBB unit is to be called Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Thrill Circus and will be premiered at the Ohio State Fair in Columbus on Aug. 22-28. A good deal of interest is already being shown in the show and as a result several big fairs are expected to sign the show as their feature attractions for late this year and next season.

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## Show Notes

The Emmett Kelly, Jr. Circus achieved another first when it became the first circus to play in the new Sunrise Music Theatre at Fort Lauderdale (Fla), showing there April 5-7. Circus performances were scheduled at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. each day, after which the entire circus had to be dismantled and moved out to allow the Tony Orlando and Dawn Show room for its 8:30 p.m. shows each night.

The program line-up included: Overture with Stanley Friedberg and orchestra; Charles Wendley, MC; Cimse's Russian Wolfhounds and Pomeranians; Emmett Kelly, Jr.; The Bumpy Family, acro; Karol's Feathered Fantasy; Wendley & Co., magic/illusions; The Navarro Troupe, bikes; Welde's Bears; Emmett Kelly, Jr. and Nancy; Venio Venito, sword balance; The Stevens, comedy trampoline; Prince Najvez, aerial; Finale and exit march.

The show's program for its April 8-10 date at Mt. Prospect (Ill) featured: The Quassars, rocket ship; Johnny Zoppe's Rhesus Monkeys;

## PEOPLE

LOLA de FuMANCHU was recently named "The International Lady of Magic"

LESLIE SMITH, of Owen Magic, is writing a book about magic and magicians.

The Pharoahs, cradle act; Princess Sonja, aerial; Susan Sheryll's Royal Afghans; The Kents, balancing; Kent Clayton and Donna, whips and ropes; The Wainwrights, trampoline/acro; and Emmett Kelly, Jr. who flew in from Florida for the engagement. The Mike Pike Trio handled the musical background, while Kent Clayton was the show's announcer.

Acts appearing with the show at South Bend, Ind. (Apr. 21) and St. Louis, Mo. (Apr. 24) were: Kent Clayton and Donna, ropes and whips; the Willy Lenz Chimps; the Johnson Bears; Carmen del Molino, trapeze; The Kents; Audrey and Bunny, low-wire; the Alberto Zoppe Troupe; Marco Polo. Kent Clayton was the announcer and the Doug Daniels Trio provided the music.

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The Famous Hunt's Circus starts its 1977 tour today (April 25) at Burlington, N.J., with an extensive tour that will see the show operating along the east coast. The circus will offer a 90 minute program in a one ring format that has proved successful for the circus in the past.

All trucks have been newly painted and several new pieces of rolling equipment have been added, including two colorful advance trucks. In addition to novelties, candystand and an eating facility, the circus midway will feature a petting zoo, Jumping Jack and elephant rides.

The show program will feature: the Miller Bros., cradle; Herriott's dogs and pony review; Congo & Co., gorilla parody; Barry Miller Troupe, comedy trapeze; Herbie Weber and Marcella, tightwire; Herriott's dressage horse; The Great Huberto, slide for life; Mary Ruth, aerialist; Miss Herriott, juggling, mixed animals and elephant; Marcella and Mary Ruth,

swinging ladders. Clown Alley includes: Barbara Hunter, Carol Gillette and Mary Wise.

The show staff includes: Marsha Hunt Jones and Don Jones, general managers; Harry Hunt, consultant and director emeritus; Bob Owen, boss canvassman/announcer; Arthur Brown, transportation supt.; William Thomas, electrician; Bob Momyer, press; Terry Burke and Ron DeHoff, advance; Barney Barnhart, drummer; Wilma Rench, organist; Sara Barnhart, cook house; Bill Thomas and Frank Dow, novelties; Herbert Weber, candy stand; Jack Rench boss props; Rick Biddle, assistant canvassman and Rick McConnell, 24 hour man.

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TO CATCH A THIEF (can be dangerous). Giant clown BUCK NOLAN spied a thief stealing a bicycle at a Florida shopping center, gave chase with his truck, cornered the culprit and led him to the administration office where, as they were waiting for the police to arrive, the thief attacked Buck and cut his face. Luckily the cops arrived in the nick of time. Buck, who is a flea market freak, advises that it was agent HOWARD SCHULTZ who first discovered the fire at the Rochester War Memorial this winter.

SNAPSHOTS: CAROLINE JACOBI has been winging from one end of the country to another - starting in the East, flying West, back to the mid-west, down to the Southwest and back to the East. "It's getting to be a way of life," sighs Caroline....BILLY GUNGA, now with Hoxie's G-A, told me they haven't had a day off since they closed the show last fall until they reopened Apr. 2nd. They've been playing club dates and a string of Sports Shows. Billy's "glass balancing" act, by the way, is an original....Young BOB HANNIGAN, G-A office mgr., spent 3 seasons with Circus Kirk....BILL HILL reports an excellent run of Christmas dates, produced and promoted in tandem with his son, Allen. Both Allen, and Bill's other son, Ted, are promoting for the two Hoxie owned shows....Just because the Hoxie Big Top Circus is for sale, don't think anyone with the loot can just walk in and buy it! And I can understand Hoxie's feelings. The circus was built

on one man's blood, sweat and tears, and he has no intention of seeing that which he created be destroyed by another's indifference. "Nobody," Hoxie declares, "has put as much money back into his shows as I have over the years." Which is true! The only reason Hoxie considers selling the show is because as he puts it, "I'm tired."

When HEIDI GUTIS GROGAN flew to San Juan to recuperate from an operation, wouldn't you know, hubby JIM came down with a severe and very painful ear infection!

FRAGMENTS: CYNDY MIGLEY's beauty will have an extra glow when her Virgo baby arrives in Mid-September....KAROL BROSINI (Veno's wife) dresses her birds up in - are you ready - feathers!....GARY HENRY returned from Puerto Rico to wife ZOE ANN with a face like a lobster (from being in the hot sun so long). He says he lost 20 lbs, but I'll just have to take his word for it!....Nobody on the G-A Circus seems to work as hard or as long as Charlie Moyer's wife, JESSIE....A Crandon Park Zoo (Miami) elephant gave birth to a 120 lb., 3 ft. tall infant. Handlers thought she was just gaining weight. Boy, were they surprised!....The "People" story (Apr. 4) on RBBB's DOLLY JACOBS was very nice but a bit "unfair" of the writer to refer to LU ANN as the "older sister, a trapezist who performs with a lesser troupe". Seems to me "lesser," like "beauty" is in the eye of the beholder!....PRINCE NAJVEZ celebrated half-a-century while with Circus Odyssey in Puerto Rico, marking his 43rd year as a center ring performer. It was a Gala Celebration.

Circus Odyssey bandleader WILLY MARAMBIO is a nut, but a delightful one. Enroute from Ponce to San Juan the band bus pulled alongside the performer's coach on the freeway and for several miles, serenaded the performers with German Beer Drinking Music, while the performers raised beer cans in "prosit"! At the end of the concert Willy twirled his toupee aloft as their bus pulled ahead with a squeal of tires and a cacophony of horn toots! ....If MANUEL RUFFIN and BOBBY GIBBS are competing to outdo each other as "practical jokers", forget it boys. It's a tie....VIVIAN (Scott) and RICK HALBROOK have moved from the farm to civilization! BITING THE HAND THAT FEEDS: BILL HILL, RICK PASCA and others, were standing under the G-A marquee cutting up jackpots when HOXIE TUCKER displayed a very sore finger, explaining: "See that cut? I was rinsing my partial plate like I've done hundreds of times when the damn thing bit me!"

See you down the road, luvs...

# ROUTES

Beatty-Cole Bros. Cmb. Circus  
Apr. 25-27 Durham, N. C.  
29 Dover, Dela.  
30-May 1 Wilmington

Carson & Barnes Circus  
Apr. 25 Garden City, Kans  
26 Lamar, Colo.  
27 Genoa  
28 La Junta  
29 Canon City  
30 Colorado City

Circus Carol  
Apr. 30 Concord, Calif.

Circus Odyssey  
Apr. 24-27 Providence, R.I.

Circus Vargas  
Apr. 25-27 Thousand Oaks, Cal.

Famous Hunt's Circus  
Apr. 25 Burlington, N.J.

Franzen Bros. Circus  
Apr. 25 Obion, Tenn.  
27 Hickman, Kty.  
28 Clinton  
29 Wickliffe  
30 Smithland

Hamid-Morton Circus  
Apr 30-May 1 Cherry Hill, N.J.

Hagen Wallace-Sells & Gray  
Apr. 25 Barnesville, Ga;  
26 Carrollton  
27 Forest Park  
28 Dalton  
29 Rossville  
30 Madisonville, Tenn.  
May 1 Maryville

Int'l All Star Circus  
Apr. 26 New Haven, Conn.  
27 Waterbury  
28 Bristol  
29 Torrington  
30 Holyoke, Mass.  
May 1 Worcester

King Bros.-Cole Circus  
Apr. 25 Kinston, N. C.  
26 Goldsboro  
27 Wilson  
28 Rocky Mount

M & M Circus  
Apr 26-May 1 Lincoln, Nebr.

Olympic Int'l Circus  
Apr 30-May 1 Monroe, La.

Polack Bros. Circus  
Apr 29-May 1 Oakland, Calif.

Ringling-Barnum - Blue Unit  
to May 1 Largo, Md.

Ringling-Barnum - Red Unit  
to June 5 New York, N. Y.

John Strong Circus  
Apr. 25 Oroville, Calif.  
26 Corning  
27 Red Bluff  
28 Redding  
29 Roseville  
30 Pleasanton  
May 1 Monterey

Strong & Luvas Circus  
Apr 29-May 1 W. Monroe, La.

Yaarab Temple Shrine Circus  
Apr. 15-24 Atlanta, Ga.

... OTHER ROUTES ...

Harry Chapin Show  
Apr. 27 Salt Lake City, Utah  
28 Logan  
29 Phoenix, Ariz.  
30 Las Cruces, N. M.

James H. Drew Shows  
Apr. 26-May 1 Greensboro, N.C.

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May 1-2 Tacoma, Wash.

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Circus performers traveling with James Hetzer's circus staged a daring act on May 4th in the midst of the swirling waters traveling approximately 35 miles per hour in the town of Welch, W. Va.

The Grace Memorial Hospital was caught in the midst of the flash floods that hit the area. Water was already entering the hospital when a cry went out for help in moving the patients to safety.

Walter Taylor, David Locke and Lee Maloney rushed through the five-foot deep water to get to the hospital. Immediately, they went into action moving patients from the first floor to the third floor of the hospital, cutting off electricity to avoid fires, saving precious hospital equipment and preventing the oxygen tanks from exploding.

Downtown Welch was 24 feet above flood level when three men were discovered marooned at a gas station 100 feet from the hospital. Taylor rigged a hand-line to help save these men. One of the men, a 15 year old youth, went into shock and released the hand-line. Thinking quickly, Taylor dove into the freezing water and caught the boy just as he was about to be hit by a treet floating with the raging current. Taylor broke two fingers as a result.

The Hetzer Circus is traveling throughout West Virginia and Eastern Kentucky. Acts with the show include: Randon's Dogs; Mr. Bell, balancing; Joe Jackson, Jr., break-away bicycle;

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## PEOPLE

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GRACE WECKWERTH, CFA, recently underwent major surgery at the Kaukauna Community Hospital at Kaukauna, Wisc. She would enjoy cards and letters. Mail should be sent to: 1312 Oak Ridge Drive, Kaukauna, Wsc.54130.



## ROUTES

### Famous Hunt's Circus

Apr. 25 Burlington, N. J.

26 Bordentown

27 Allentown

28 Trenton

29 Hightstown

30 Presidential Lakes

### Kelly Bros. Circus

Apr. 25 Brownsville, Texas

26 Rio Grande

27-28 Laredo

29 Alice

### Tip Top Shows

Apr. 27-May 1 Stevens Point, Wisc.

DuBois Chimps; Marco Polo, swords and ladder; Montrose Stallions; J. T. Rogers; Disco Duck; Marcelli & Janis, wire; the Rolando's, juggling; Ms. Loreli, trapeze; Wendy & Walt, teeterboard; Playboy & Bunny, wire; Stupefying Jones and the Three Little Pigs; Mike Rice's elephants; Hetzi, ringmistress/vocalist and Con Hall, percussionist. David Locke is producing clown, along with Yo-Yo, Frizzo, and Eddie Swan. Walter Taylor is show supt., Eddie Henderson, prop boss and Lee Maloney, musical director. Buzzy Cuttin, Mark and Tony Cuttin and staff have concessions.

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MARY CULLEY and her Poodle Revue worked on April 16-17 for the French Hospital's 125th anniversary in San Francisco.

BUCKLES and BARBARA WOODCOCK, plus BENNY WILLIAMS will join the Ringling-Barnum Blue Unit for its 1978 tour, with 21 elephants. Benny, who is in Brazil, will return to the states in time for the fall/winter show rehearsals.

AXEL GAUTIER, Ringling-Barnum elephant trainer on the Blue Unit, will take his herd of elephants into the Circus World Park in Florida at the conclusion of the show's current tour.

## In Memoriam

BETTY WHEELER DAW, owner of the Circus Hobby Hall at Coral Gables, Fla., died at her home on April 5th. Betty and her sister, Elinor, toured as the Wheeler Twins, and met her husband, Freddie, when he was a band leader in Chicago. They both appeared on TV in Florida many times and entertained thousands of children at their Circus Hobby Hall. Betty was the first woman ever elected to office with the Circus Model Builders. She is survived by her husband, Freddie, and her sister.

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It has been 30 years since this reporter has seen so many animals in a menagerie and circus patrons are treated to this rare thrill when they pass through the new Carson & Barnes orange and blue marquee on their way to the big top. The big tent is the longest on the road and has five center poles with two rows of quarter poles. Reserved seats are on the front side, with general admission on the short side, along with the bandstand and per-

formers entrance..

When Carson & Barnes came to Monroe (La.) on Mar. 17th the first units on the lot were Dorey Miller's travel trailer and the seat truck with poles and sidewall, driven by Jim Silverlake. This year each truck cab has a beautiful logo of the show's title on its sides. The semi units are painted with red and white stripes, while the cabs are blue.

The cookhouse and mail, plus route cards are handled by Jackie Moos. The show's manager is Gladys Black, while Jim Silverlake is in charge of canvas and lot supt., with Don Carr taking care of the animal dept.

The midway includes a pony ride, moon bounce, ape show, ticket wagon and marquee. There is also a candy floss stand and a miniature horse pit show.

The show carries four portable rest rooms, their own gas truck, and a tire truck and a semi for the machanic's shop. The last two units that follow the show are truck wrecker units, each towing a cab to replace any that might break down enroute. Everything seems to be in excellent shape.

The lot at Monroe was a tight one, but was on a main street. The sponsor did poorly this year and even failed to get the show's permit which cost them an additional \$180.

Dorey is certainly to be congratulated as he has one of the real circuses on the American scene these days. His advertisements are like those of the old days and he has what he advertises will be there.

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Attesting to the popularity of magic is the fact that last month seven magicians were working in the State of Oregon. Everywhere magicians are gaining headlines and fame and some of those folks include:

**PEOPLE**

DAVID MOBB, TOM STIMSON, GEORGE BEECHER, MIKE FROST and TROY STRAIT are some of the advance and promotional crew that keeps the Beatty-Cole Circus busy as it plays shopping centers for extended runs.

Joseph White, who moved from New Orleans to St. Augustine (Fla) to take over duties as manager of the tourist attraction "Old Jail, Inc." — Charlie Myrick, escape artist working in Japan will return to the states in July to start a year's tour in the mid-west area.

Garry Hayes, magician has been seen working at T.G.I. Friday's Restaurant in Nashville, where he features close-up magic. Meanwhile Mark Sweet worked the Detroit Auto Show for the Chrysler people, where he featured his Broom Suspension and the Sawing A Lady in Half.

Vince Carmen, popular performer now features the old Thurston illusion "Iasia" in his magical evening show.

# YEARS AGO

**SELLS FLOTO CIRCUS - May 19, 1928**  
Pittsfield, Mass.

The Sells Floto Circus arrived on one train of 29 cars — 7 horse cars, 14 flat cars, 8 sleepers and 61 wagons. They also have one advance car.

The show has 13 elephants, 10 camels and 14 cages, with a big top, menagerie, side show, dressing top, two horse tents, dining tent, a kitchen, privileges, band, wardrobe and two candy stands.

Show colors are red, yellow and green. The dining dept. is orange and tent poles are all half red and white, or half blue and yellow.

The big top seats consist of Blues, 18 rows high, Reserved 14 rows high and Grandstand 14 rows high. There are two wagons for the grandstand chairs, two seat plank wagons and a jack and stringer wagon.

The side show has 15 attractions with 14 banners, an outside bally platform and two ticket boxes.

## PEOPLE

JOHN CUNEO visited the Circus Vargas during the show's engagement at Burbank, Calif.

BOB SPIKER and MICHON, animal trainers, visited BUCKY STEELE and ELOISE BERCHTOLD who are with the Gatti-Charles Circus, at Ventura, Calif.

JON FRIDAY has joined Franzen Bros. Circus, handling the show's advance publicity.

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Meanwhile DICK OSLUND also joined the show to handle billposting.

DANNY and SARAH CHAPMAN recently joined Franzen Bros. Circus for the season.

LEIF and FRANCES OSMUNDSEN have retired from their company Leaf Tent and Sail Co., of Sarasota, Fla. However Leif will continue as a consultant and designer. The company recently completed new canvas tops for Circus Vargas, John Strong, De Wayne Bros., Circus Union and Cirque Gatini.

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## Show Acts

Acts set to tour with the International 3 Ring Circus in Japan, produced by Paul V. Kaye, include:

Baby Judy, African elephant; the Seven Alexanders, teeterboard; Brian Fawcett's Chimps; the Kneisley Duo, aerial cradle; the Nock Brothers, sway poles; the Mireille Troupe, trampoline; Ramon, balancing trapeze; The Four Flying Ramos, flying act; Mister Bell, balancing; Mle. Evita, single trapeze; Philip D. McDonald, announcer; Jack Cervone, band leader; Tracy Heaston, percussionist; The Feller Boys and Dodo, tightwire; La Gran Robert, cloud swing; The Jeffries, seals; Great Arturo, trapeze; The Freddies, unsupported ladders; the Young Duo, aerial cradle; the Canestrelli Family, trampoline; Horton's Wonder Bears; the Jupiter Trio, trapeze; Miss Astra, sponge plunge; Valdes Duo, juggling; Rose Ann Moore, trapeze; Norbu, almost human gorilla; Harriet Beatty, lions; Najean, trapeze; Moore's Mongrel Revue; the Markovitch Troupe, Russian swing; Lorelei, trapeze; Alzana, high wire; the Walters Family, trampoline; Anne Pike, Roman rings.

Clowns with the show are: Blinko and Maran, Roger Arroyo, Tim Hill, Fred Lavine, Chris Bricker and Smiley Daly, Jr., the producing clown.

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TRUDY and BILL STRONG, DONNA and BILL BANNISTER, ELVIN, JEANETTE and NITA BALE, CHARLIE BAUMAN, ERMA and LOUIS TABAK, TONY and IRENE FOSSETT and daughter CRISTINE were among the show visitors seen at the recent Shrine date in Columbus, Ohio.

KEVIN SEGER, who received his training as a member of the Amazing Monahans, is now the top-mounter in the Hortobagyi teeterboard act, playing Fleckles dates.

LINDA CHANDLER reports the cast has been removed from her arm and she is rapidly getting back to her regular routines.

"Donni" STAMBAUGH visited the Strong & Luvacs Circus at Shreveport (La) on April 6th and stayed on to do some promotional work for the show.

JACK JOYCE recently trained animals for the George Hanneford Family Circus and is now putting a dog act together for a Central American show.

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# CIRCUS RHYTHM

The following musical score for the International All Star Circus was compiled by Dr. Paul Fitzpatrick during the show's engagement at Atlanta, Ga., on March 6th. The show is operated by Jim Nordmark, with Hines Rucker serving as show announcer and manager.

## Overture -

Jesus Christ Super Star  
MacArthur Park - Part 1  
Thunder and Blazes  
Ham Trombone  
Send In the Clowns  
Ringling Bros. Grand Entry

## Announcements - Fanfare

Patti Rucker - foot juggling  
Up, Up and Away  
Ob La Di - Ob La Da  
Windy  
Mambo Jambo  
El Cumanchero

## Terry O'Brien - slack wire

Samba D'Orta  
Sweetest Sounds  
Dear World  
I Love You

## Miss Tania - hair hang

For Once In My Life  
Shadow of Your Smile  
Mercy, Mercy, Mercy  
With A Little Help  
Walsenburg Galop  
Fanfare  
I'll Never Fall In Love

## Clowns - reducing gag

Trombonium  
They're Off Galop

## Hines & Patti - magic

Mack the Knife  
The Hustle  
Theme from 2001  
Put On A Happy Face  
Johnny's Theme

## Kerry Brown Duo - rola bola

Breezing Along  
Mr. Sandman  
Broadway One Step  
That's Entertainment  
Smiles

## Al's Pals - dogs

Mexican Hat Dance  
Sa-Ku-Ra  
Blusette  
Hello Dolly  
Can Can Theme  
You Are The Sunshine  
Ventura Highway  
Everything is Coming Up Roses  
Alabama Bound  
Alabama Jubilee

## Miss Ivey - single trapeze

Entry of the Heralds  
What Are You Doing  
Norwegian Wood  
Eclipse Galop  
If My Friends Could See Me

## The Ruckers - uncaged leopard

Abdallah  
Jungle Queen  
Big Cage Galop

## Intermission -

Candyman

## Second Half Overture -

No Business Like Show Biz  
Another Opening  
Be A Clown  
Clyde Beatty Radio March

## Coco and Family - s.d.t.s

Kentucky Sunrise  
Mr. Tromboniology

## Uncle Heavy's Pork Chop Revue

Turkey In The Straw  
Ruben and Rachel  
Old MacDonald  
Oh, Susanna  
Looking Over a 4 Leaf Clover  
Beer Barrel Polka  
Worms Crawl In  
Bear Climbed the Mountain  
She'll Be Comin Round  
Swanee

## Clowns - The safe

The Entertainer  
Hot Time in the Old Town

## Diamond Duo - french trapeze

Circus Life March  
My Cherie Amour  
Yesterday  
Galop Go  
Star Trek Theme

## Danny Kerry - hand balancing

Sky High  
Here, There and Everywhere  
MacArthur Park  
My Hero

## The Vasquez Chimps

Brazil  
Hungarian Dance  
Mexican Hat Dance  
Grazing in the Grass  
Rhinestone Cowboy  
Baby Face

## Margie

Eleanor Rigby  
Abba Dabba Honeymoon  
Talk to the Animals

## O'Brien Family - unicycles

So What's New  
Come to the Circus  
Be A Clown  
Riding High

## Trunk Escape -

Trombone Blues  
Black Magic  
Presstissimo Galop

## La Torres - elephant

Royal Decree  
Night Train  
Western Caravan  
Song of the Volga Boatmen  
Keifer's Special  
Beahm's Lullaby  
Colossus of Columbia  
Bravura  
Fame and Fortune

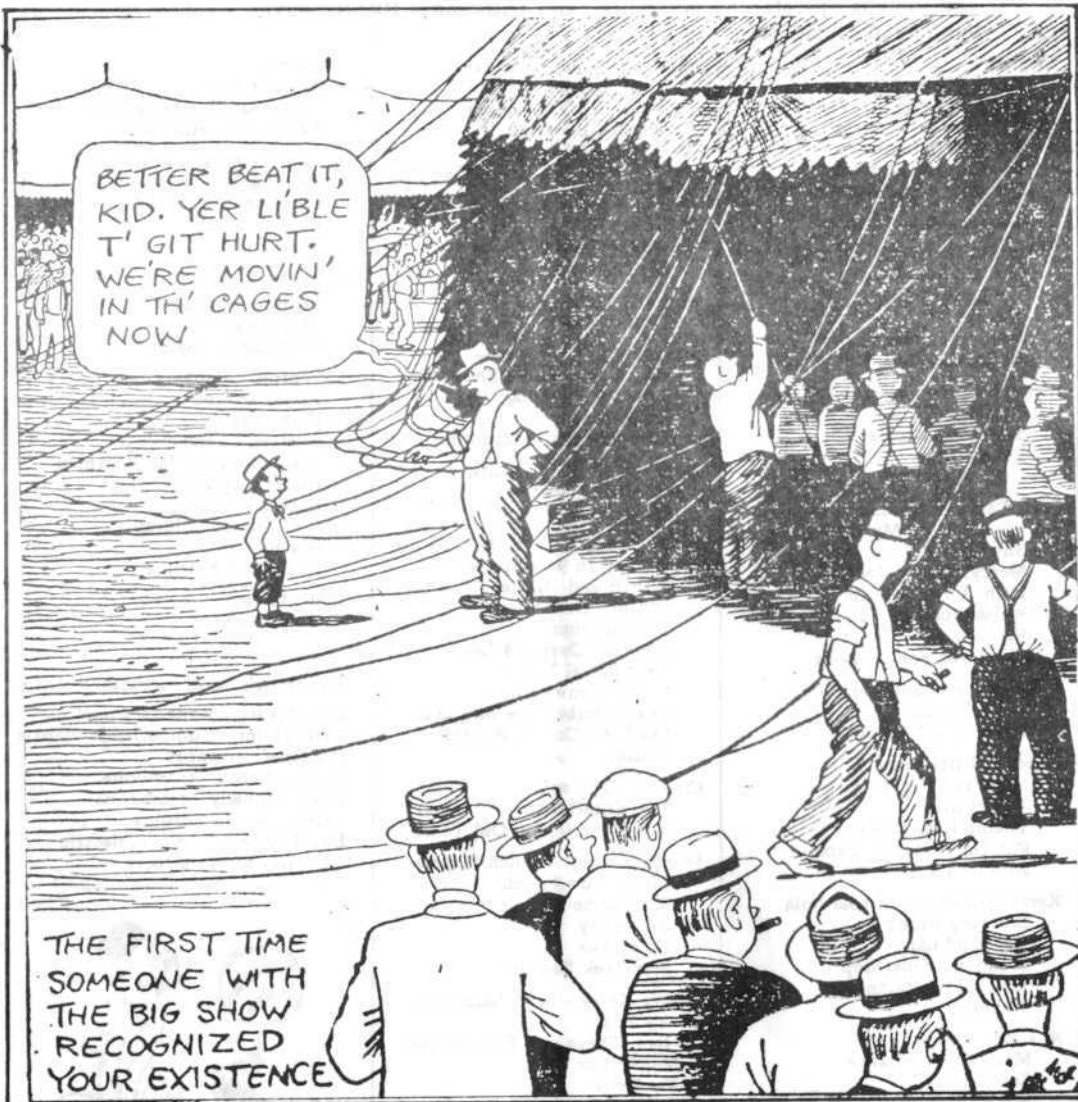
## Exit March -

Circus Bee

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## PEOPLE

**BILL HENDERSON** visited Carson & Barnes Circus at Cleveland, Texas, and reports they have an exceptional band, directed by **PERRY JOHNSON**.

**KING ARTHUR**, the lion comic on the wire, recently played an April 1-10 engagement at Knott's Berry Farm in Southern California.

**WALLY ROSS**, elephant boss on Circus Vargas was hospitalized in Southern California suffering from pneumonia.

**JENNY WALLEUDA** advises the time is approaching for election of officers for the Showfolks Club. Jenny is on the board and those wishing to nominate officers should contact her at once.

**BENZINE**, the Clown, visited Circus Vargas this past week and writes the circus gave a performance for patients at a Downey (Cal) hospital, where the show worked on the parking lot.

## Pot-Pourri

The Dorian Blake Show played a series of engagements for the Belk Dept. Stores. Talent included Dorian Blake, Janice, Mike Naughton, Nora Woods and Scott Barker. Dorian, by the way, has signed to tour with Harry Rawls' Great American Chataugua which opens in May in the mid-west.

Clown instructor Bobby Kaye returned to the Ringling Red Unit in New York after dashing off to the coast following the death of Harold Hall . . . RBBB clown Kathy Herb's father and step-mother were among those killed in the jet crash at Tenerife. ... Mike Naughton

**FRANK & ESTRELITA** have missed some performances of Circus Vargas after Frank suffered an injury to his head which required several stitches.



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"If you have areputation as a kook, you have to come up with something different wherever you go," says Nissen, president of an Iowa gymnasium equipment company.

## PEOPLE

BRADD and SHEILA FRANK visited with many show folks in Florida this past month, including: JACK JOYCE, EVY and ED KAROLY, BOB and MARJ LANGIN. The latter folks have their magic show at the Circus Hall of Fame.

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## Miscellaneous

The Emmett Kelly, Jr., Circus is scheduled to start a ten week tour in Japan on July 20th, with its first date at Beppu. The tour will be under the auspices of Tomio Takeuchi.

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## PEOPLE

ALBERT SAHLSTROM and JOHN HANSEN report they have signed the Michigan State Fair (Detroit) and the Delaware State Fair for performances by the Royal Danish Circus.

CARLOS LOOPER, director of the Savannah Mini-Circus had a group of children riding 3' to 13' unicycles in the St. Patricks Day parade and of the 150 units this group was selected as the most outstanding parade unit.

TOM UPTON and HARRY ELLIS visited the American Continental Circus at Fresno (Calif.) last week.

## SMALL ONE

The royal Lichtenstein ¼ Ring Sidewalk Circus, now on its fifth annual tour, is playing campus dates in the east. The show is operated by Nick Weber, of San Jose, Calif., who with two assistants presents the entire show. The complete circus fits into a ¾ ton Dodge truck, which is used as living quarters when the show is set up.

The show's season runs 32 weeks and they average one performance a day throughout the tour. In all they cover about 41 states on each tour, playing mainly at campus cities across the nation.

This year's performance includes foot juggling, clown dog act, monkey act, magic, fire eating, balancing act and a presentation of Houdini's milk can escape.

LES THINIS and MISS TINA worked with the Carden-Johnson Circus at Tampa and St. Petersburg (Fla) booked by the Amandis Agency.

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## off and running

The Kelly Bros. Circus, out of Tulsa, Okla., opened its 1977 season in its home city on Mar. 31st to strong crowds. Business since then has been good as the show moves about through Texas and Oklahoma.

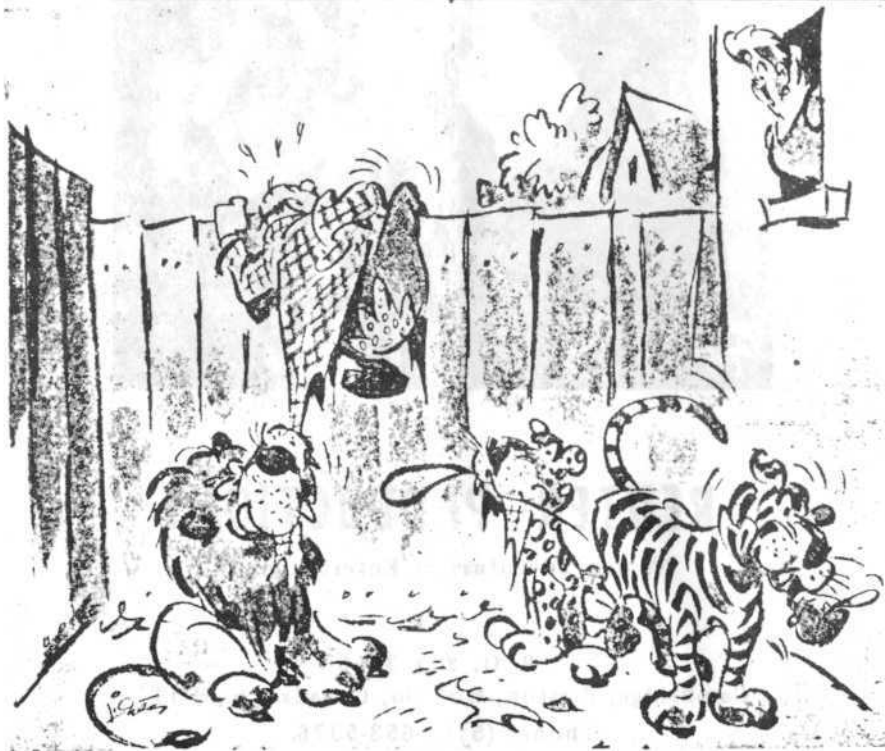
The circus staff includes: Gordon Walsh, owner/manager; Elaine Walsh, executive secretary; Don Bridwell, announcer/public relations; Ray Hartzell, musical director; Ray Strong, lot supt; "Nick" big top canvas; Joe Boloni, producing clown; Marie Armstrong, front door; The Fraunsteins, concessions; Fran Bridwell with Ron and Paulette Braun, novelties.

The program, which runs a tight 1 hour and 45 minutes features: Overture, Ray Hartzell; The Ricardo Troupe, tightwire; Clowns, gorilla par-

ody; Peanut sales pitch; Niel Franzen, chimps (2); Ray Hartzell, announcements; Ron and Paulette, in The Juggling Perrys; Bozo, the Wonder Dog presented by N. Franzen; Clowns, wash day number; Miss Eabi, single trapeze; Color Book/Balloon pitch; The Pietro Canestrelli Family, teeterboard; Clowns, tug-of-war; Niel and Sue Franzen, goats and llamas; Pietro and Joyce, ladder balance; Clowns, the dynamie expert; The Ranos Duo, slack wire; The Fraunsteins, plate spinning; Miss Fabi, spanish web; Pietro & Pietro, comedy balance, and Niel Franzen with a baby elephant.

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The Int'l All Star Circus played the Whitehall High School Gym (just outside Allentown, Pa) on April 9th, giving a 3 p.m. performance that was nicely balanced, before an almost full house. Everything about the show is clean and neat, with all props freshly painted and costumes looking as if they just came from the designer's shop.

The program included: Patti Rucker, foot juggler; The O'Briens, wire act; Miss Tanya, hair hang; Coco, Jr and Coco III, clowns; The Ruckers, magic; Carey & Brown Duo, rola bola; Al and His Pals (dogs); Miss Ivy, trapeze; Hines Rucker, uncaged leopard; the show clowns on stilts; and intermission.

In the second half were: Uncle Heavy's Pork Chop Revue; the clowns; The Uptons, French trapeze; Dan Carey & Randa, hand balancing; the Vasquez Chimps; The O'Briens, unicycles; Dan & Randa, trunk escape, followed by the LaTorre's elephant.

.... Bill Slenker

## Miscellaneous

The Stardust Circus closed in Oakland (Calif) on April 7th, returning to its Southern California base to reorganize and prepare for its upcoming tour.

The Beatty-Cole Circus was set up on a sandy lot at Davie, Fla. on April 7th, observers report, where several show trucks were trapped in the sand. A carnival on the show's front end was set-up on more solid ground.

## Show Report

This year's Carson & Barnes Circus carries an eight piece band, directed by Perry Johnson, while the show's announcer is Dan Thompson. The cat act is worked by Dee Young, followed by Don Carr with a lion and elephant. The wire acts of Jeff Chalmers and Ricky Macias, are next, then comes the Loyals Riding act, and two cradle acts.

Fernando Bautista does a one finger stand and balancing number, the Loyal girl works in a cradle act and rides a pad horse, then is also working in the side show as a contortionist, The Aguilar Flying act features a blind-folded somersault, while the Bautista Fliers offer a double and passing leap. Six clowns add merriment to the show, doing several numbers.

On the midway Shorty Shearer has a gorilla and Orang show, while Manuel King has the snake show and pony ride.

.... John Beard

## Miscellaneous

Ice America reportedly closed at Bluefield, W. Va., after being unable to overcome a variety of problems that plagued the show since its opening date.

Business for Hoxie Bros. Circus continues to be "excellent" as it moves through Florida and other southern states.



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The contents of that Court Order were subsequently published in the March 21, 1977 issue of "The Circus Report".

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## Show Folks

The audience attending the Hagen Wallace Sells & Gray Circus performances at Sarasota (Fla) on Apr. 6th was like a Who's Who of the Show World. Virtually every active and retired performer in the area was on hand to see and enjoy the circus.

The performance, which runs 1 hour 45 min., features musicians Bob and Kay Parker (organ and drums) while Billy Earl handles the show announcements and vocals.

The program included: Tina and Mimi on the Spanish web; Mademoiselle Marie France, dog act; The Antoys Trio, perch act; Clowns; Evy, Mark and Danielle, horses; Mlle. Angele, The Zuranis and Marlene & Co., rolling and balancing; Mademoiselle M. Zerbini, single trapeze; Jean Paganini, the clown; The Great Moises, tightwire; and Intermission.

The second half features: Billy Earl, sword balancing; the Antonio Trio, acrobatics; Sa-

## GETS TOUGH

Humane Society officials in California have announced they will get "tough" in a campaign to see that circus animals are well cared for and that all animal control regulations are being carried out.

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## Olivia Newton-John Show

Apr. 26 Terre Haute, Ind.  
27 Columbus, Ohio  
28 South Bend, Ind.  
29 Toledo, Ohio  
30 Charleston, W. Va.  
May 1 Richmond, Va.

# CLOWNS

Clowns Steve Baker (Checkers) and Gary Ray (Patches), produced the clowning for the 57th annual Shrine Circus, sponsored by the Osman Temple and produced by Clyde Bros., Carden-Johnson Circus. The clown numbers included a balloon barrage and warm-up preceeding the show, with all six clowns; plus The Battle of the Century (boxing); The Instant Garden (Flowers gag); The T.V. Gag; The Skunk Burger (formerly Dog Pie), in addition Checkers & Patches Canine Revue was presented.

Compliments from Shrine members poured in throughout the entire date, with the best one from a Divan member - "This is the best, most professional clown acts that our circus has had in Eighteen Years!"

Members of the Clown Alley were: Baker & Ray, as Checkers and Patches; Don Washburn, as Sparky; Dukie Anderson; Phil Shearer, as Phillipe; Red McDougal, as Pokie, and Frank Galombo, Jr.

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