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lion killed

Police shot and killed a lion at the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus at Little Rock, Ark. on June 16th.

The animal, which had been loose for some two hours, was shot on the advice of its trainer, Wolfgang Holzmier, who said the lion was dangerous.

royal bros

The Royal Bros. Circus, owned by Al Stencil and John Frazier, opened their 1973 season at Amherstburg, Canada on May 15th. Since then they have been enjoying good business in a move into the extreme Eastern portion of that country.

The program features:

Frazier's Military ponies
Noel's dogs and ponies
Reisarf Sisters - swinging ladders
The Lang Family - acrobatics
Clown Town and Yo Yo, the Clown
Trampoline capers
Michael's mess of mutts
Baffoonery on Parade
Big Babe - elephant (John Frazier)
Circus Clowns
Frank Noel - whip artist
Spinning plates
Bob Lang - juggling and stilt walking
The Clowns
Miss Tony - aerial perch
The Famous Lang chimps
Frank Noel - performing Brahma bull
The Circus Finale

THE CONVENTION

A change in circuses has been announced by the Jack Bell Tent, who will host the CFA Convention in Seattle, Wash. on Aug. 23-25. Due to its scheduled routing the De Wayne Bros. Circus will not be in the Seattle area at that time.

The Wallace & Rogers Circus has been named the official convention circus and they will be playing at Mercer Island on Aug. 24th. This is a brand new show, making its first tour this year and features the Hartzell family.

The Wenatchee Youth Circus has been named as a second convention circus and they will be playing at Bothell on Aug. 26th. This show opened its 1973 season in Tacoma on June 9th, at the Franklyn Pierce High School. On June 17th, the show left for a 30 day stand in Mexico City and will then depart for Europe. The show will return to Seattle on Aug. 15th. Circus director, Paul Pugh, will be the convention's featured speaker and he plans to discuss the 1973 tour and the show's operations over the past 20 years.

Fair Acts

Several acts reportedly played the Los Banos, Calif., Fair last month - May 2-6.

Included on that program were:

Henry Clay	Arthur Duncan
The Homestead Act	The Snyder Bros.
The Wheelers	Dwight Moore
Dave Twomey	

The Butler Amusements provided rides and games for the fair midway.

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The Troubled Aftermath

A recent letter printed in the newspaper at Mt. Vernon, Wash., complained about an act in the DeWayne Bros. Circus, during an appearance at that city. The writer, a mother of several children, said she had the same complaint after having seen the circus last year, and as a result stated she would never again attend that circus.

Her complaint was concerned with the comedy gorilla act that came at the end of the performance. This act, she said, could be hilarious, if the nylons and bra could be left out of the number. Also she asked that the gorilla refrain from pulling off the lady's skirt.

These things, the writer said, are not good for the children in the audience and only help to create problems for them, especially when they see adults are condoning the action.

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show opens

Everything just seemed to fall into place and so the George Matthews Circus opened at Joplin, Mo., (June 14-15) in a blaze of glory, writes Paul Van Pool. The program is pretty good, he added, and the people liked it.

The show played here on a new lot, Paul continues, They were set up at the Walmart Shopping Center, where it as rather muddy because of our recent rains.

They had a full house for the opening matinee and a real straw house at the night show. The line-up of people to buy tickets must have been well over 500 all the time.

The program as presented featured:

- The Phil Fran Troupe - trampoline
- Gary Thomas and Xavier - juggling
- Senor Antonio - balancing
- The Clowns - Arab mysteries
- Phil & Francine - aerial cradle
- Henry's Chimps
- The Great Huberto - slide for life
- The Clowns - Dr. Ben Crazy
- Great London Circus elephants (3)
- Arabian liberty stallions (4)
- Morel - rola bola
- Tony & Brenda - equilibists
- Clowns - The prison escape
- The Los Latinos - tight wire
- Clowns - The Chicken Cannon
- The Flying Apollos

Clowns on the show include: Harry Ross, producing; Ken Miller; Sparky and Bill Williams.

SHOW ACTS

Stage show acts appearing at the colusa, Calif. County Fair on June 14-17 were:

- The Saxtons - unicycles/juggling
- Henry Clay - banjo player
- Harris Nelson - musical comedy

Other features at the fair included The Mitchell Marionettes, a Destruction Derby and a Ken Delo show. The Butler Amusements provided rides and games for the midway.

MUSEUM OPENS

Last weekend (June 23) The Circus Memories Museum at Fryeburg, Maine, opened for the summer season. This is the museum's 13th year, making it the oldest northern New England circus attraction.

The museum is set-up on a walk-thru basis, with real circus route arrows directing the visitors. Admission is free, but there is a donation box at the exit.

Displays are housed in two buildings -- 40 x 60 ft. and 20 x 20 ft. -- each of which has two floors. Banners hang from the ceiling, posters adorn the walls and a great number of display cases are used for a wide variety of items.



Of special interest is the collection of authentic circus items-- a Clyde Beatty chair, knife board, H-W ladies parade hats, bull hooks, clown heads, old style seats, banners, clown props and printed matter.

The final display of the museum is a complete $\frac{1}{2}$ " scale model circus, which was started in 1945. Tents were made by Bill Metzger, of Baraboo, Wisc., and include a five ring big top; canopy, menagerie, and 20 other tents. There are also several canopies used on wagons. The big show's band was donated by Freddie Daw.

The Museum also includes a wagon barn with a 1942 RBBB "Old Lady in the Shoe" float; a Tigat Bill Show stringer wagon and units used on the old Ferris Shows, Martin Bros. and Bogart's. There's also an air calliope that delights visitors.

Circus Fans and show folks are always welcomed at the Museum and are urged to visit the facility whenever possible.

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WEDDING BELLS rang twice for the Zoppe Family last month when two of the boys were married.

Pictured here is David Zoppe and his bride Susan Sheryll (formerly of the Bumpy Family). They were married on May 5th.

Also married last month (May 21) were Alberto Zoppe II and Olga Bertini. He is a grandson of ~~Muz~~ Wallenda.

talent sought

Kenneth Feld, vice president of Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus left the U.S. last week for an extensive tour of Europe in search of new circus acts.

The current trip, is Mr. Feld's 12th tour in five years. He will visit circuses in Denmark, Sweden, Austria, Bulgaria, Rumania, Hungary, Poland, France and Germany.

Split Views

Mattel, Inc., parent company of the Ringling-Barnum Circus, has been sued in a New York federal court by a former owner of RBBB stock. The suit asks for the recovery of unspecified damages for those who owned RBBB stock and then received Mattel common stock when the circus was acquired.

Other suits have also been filed against the company. One claims that Mattel's senior officers profited from inside knowledge in the trading of the company's stock. Another suit charges the company misrepresented its net earnings and financial condition and did not have the cash to build a planned circus park in Florida.

A Mattel official, said last week, the charges are all "without merit."

The latest Mattel proxy statement reports that the former executive vice president of finance (Seymour M. Rosenberg) is to receive \$1.2 million over the next 20 years. The move was arranged in exchange for Rosenberg's having given up an opportunity to take-up stock options.

Showman honored

Members of the Bob Dover CFA Tent and city officials honored Wilson Storey on June 6th at York, Pa., his 50th year in circus business. The special event was held in conjunction with the appearance of Selle & Gray Circus in that city, where three shows had to be presented.

Special presentations were made to the veteran showman in the center ring, where York's Mayor Eli Eichelberger was named Honorary Ringmaster, while Harry McLaughlin, of the Bob Dover Tent, served as official ringmaster.

The presentations included: an autographed photo of President Nixon, a picture of Governor Shapp, plus various letters and telegrams from circus friends. A special "circus" cake and a proclamation declaring June 6th as "Wilson Storey Day" were also a part of the presentation program.

FAIR TIME

Last week the Solano County Fair at Vallejo, Calif., opened for its annual two week run (June 18-30). One of the big events at this fair is the daily horse racing, which attracts some of the leading contenders from across the country.

For those who prefer shows the fair offers an impressive list of stage attractions. The Happytime Circus provides two shows every day, while Harold DeGerro, stilt walker, strolls the grounds on a continual basis.

On the main stage are: The Ink Spots, The Polynesians, Arthur Duncan, The Wheelers, Glen Ash, The Duane Dancers and the La Garde Twins.

PLAYBOY Cameo

The July 1973 issue of "Playboy" magazine has a special pictorial feature on Tina Cristiani. Called "Miss Tina of the Tanbark" the feature pictures Tina (in the nude) performing the acts she did in the circus. This includes elephants, the swinging ladder, bareback riding and then there's a bit with the clowns and a leopard.

SHOW REPORT

by DON SMITH

My wife, Martha, and I caught the Moscow Circus at Toronto in April and then found it was a different show than had been in the States some time ago. That earlier show featured the Filatov Bears, Cossack riders and Popov, the clown.

When the Canadian tour opened in mid-February there were some news reports that Popov had returned to Russia for a rest. But that was the only clue the show was a different one, it also used the title "The Great Moscow Circus."

The show in Canada featured a riding act we'd never seen before. There were two groups of horses with riders in a pyramid on them. Then a girl (three high) somersaulted from one group to the other with a miss, as they raced around the ring.

We also saw the Hoxie Bros. Circus in Michigan and thought their one pole top was a novelty. The Drougetts are the stars of that show's program this year. The cat act wasn't working.

The Hanneford Circus is really a top show with a pleasing performance. They have an aerial ballet and usually keep all three rings going at once.

Strupi Hanneford is easily the most popular star of this circus. She appears in a trapeze and elephant number, and has given up her caged leopards, for an uncaged black leopard, formerly in the Robert Baudy/Charlotte Walsh act. It is a nice act and everyone liked it.

Miller-Johnson played Detroit on Jun. 13-16, while the route listed them as playing Wayne County, which is pretty big. They've never advertised their several appearances in Detroit, yet had window cards for their date in Davisburg, a small town about 60 miles away.

Tina, the article reports, gave up the circus for a career in films and on the stage, and will soon be seen in the Paramount release "Badge 373."

Why did she give up the circus? Because she didn't want to become prematurely aged, something that she says happens to women in the circus. It's because of the nerve racking activity, she says.

ROUTES

Allen's Petting Zoo

Jun 26-30 Sacram'to, Cal.

July 1-8 Pleasanton

Beatty-Cole Circus

June 25 Valhalla, N. Y.

26 Middletown

27 Milford, Conn.

28 Waterbury

29 Groton

30 Providence, R.I.

July 1 Fall River, Mass

Hubert Castle Circus

June 26 Vernon, B.C.

28 Trail

29 Nelson

30 Kimberly

Circus Kirk

June 25 York, Pa.

26 Dillsbury

27 McAlisterville

28 Lewistown

29 State College

30 Hollidaysburg

July 1 Off

Clyde Bros. Circus (Red Unit)

June 25 Goodland, Colo.

26 McCook, Nebr.

27 North Plette

28 Hays

George-Matthews Circus

June 24-26 Mt. Prospect, Ill

Happytime Circus

to Jun 30 Vallejo, Calif.

Hoxie Bros. Circus

June 25 Polk, Pa.

26 Titusville

27-28 Warren

29 Bradford

30 Dubois

July 1 off

2 Bellefonte

Jett's Petting Zoo

Jun 25-30 Thousand Oaks, Ca

King Bros. Circus

June 25 Anoka, Minn.

26 St. Cloud

27 Sauk Center

28 Brackenridge

29 Morris

30 Glenwood

Lewis Bros. Circus

June 25 Newton, Ill.

26 Shelburne, Ind.

27 Sanburn

28 Worthington

Lewis Bros. (Continued)

June 29 Longootee, Ind.

30 Paoli

Miller-Johnson Circus

Jun 24-26 Mt. Clemens, Mich

27 Off

28 Batavia, N. Y.

29 Oswego

30 Jul 4 Jericho

July 5-7 Utica

8-9 Hamden, Conn.

10-11 Waterbury

S. F. Mime Circus

June 30 San Francisco, Cal

Ringling-Barnum (Blue Unit)

Jun 26-27 Amarillo, Texas

29-Jul 2 Tulsa, Okla.

Ringling-Barnum (Red Unit)

to Jun 5 Philadelphia, Pa.

Royal Ranch Wild West Circus

June 25 Ringwood, N. J.

26 Pleasant Plains

27 West Tuckerton

28 Barnegat

29 Port Reading

30 Madison Twnsp.

Royson Bros. Circus

June 25 Fountain, N.C.

26 Winterville

28 Roxebel

29 Littleton

Sells & Gray Circus

June 25 Keyport, N.J.

26 Smithville

27 Union

28 Belle Meade

29 Bound Brook

30 Sparta

John Strong Circus

June 25 Off

26-28 Dallas, Texas

29 off

30-Jul 1 Tulsa, Okla.

Voorheis Bros. Circus

June 30 Hanover, Mich.

Wallace & Rogers Circus

June 25 Omak, Wash.

..... CARNIVALS

American Eagle Shows

Jun 29-30 Ansley, Nebr.

Dell & Travers Shows

Jun 25-Jul 7 Levittown, Pa

Don's Amusements

Jun 26-27 Roshalt, S. D.

28-30 Browns Valley, Min

James H. Drew Shows

Jun 25-30 Middlesboro, Kty

Hale's Shows of Tomorrow

July 3-4 Chairiton, Iowa

Bob Hammond Shows

Jun 29-Jul 4 Clinton, Iowa

Johnny's United Shows

Jun 25-30 Paducah, Kty

King Reid Shows

Jun 25-Jul 28 New Brunswick

D. L. Manning Shows

Jun 25-30 Uniontown, Pa.

Jul 2-7 Allison Park

Mid-South Shows

Jun 25-30 Selmer, Tenn

Jul 2-7 Martin

Murphy Bros. Exposition

Jul 1-4 Jamestown, N.D.

Myers Amusements

Jun 23-30 Selmer, Tenn.

Jul 2-7 Elizabethtown, Kty

Ralph Wagner Shows

Jun 28-Jul 7 Belton, Texas

Reithoffer Shows

Jun 28-Jul 7 Ft. Bragg, N.C.

Rose City Rides

Jun 25-27 Desloge, Mo.

29-Jul 1 Barnhart

S & S Amusements

Jun 25-30 Longhorn, Pa.

Toby's Amusements

Jun 30-Jul 4 Marceline, Mo.

..... OTHER ROUTES

Peggy Fleming Ice Show

Jun 26-Jul 1 Latham, N.Y.

Old Milwaukee Days

Jun 29-Jul 4 Milwaukee, Wisc

Elvis Presley Show

Jun 25-26 Pittsburgh, Pa.

27 Cincinnati, Ohio

28 St. Louis, Mo.

29 Atlanta, Ga.

July 1 Nashville, Tenn

2 Oklahoma City, Okla

Roller Derby

June 30 Oakland, Calif.

Stampede

Jun 30-Jul 2 Ponoka, Alta.

..... FAIRS

Alameda County Fair

July 1-15 Pleasanton, Cal.

Dairy Show

July 1-4 Jamestown, N. D.

Napa County Fair

Jun 30-Jul 4 Calistoga, Cal.

sawdust trail ...by M. L. Dupont

Carson & Barnes feature menagerie attraction, a young giraffe, died recently. Its death has been attributed to pneumonia.

With the Gasoline shortage some shows are starting to ask the sponsor to locate a supply of gasoline for the next move.

The elephant at the La. Purchase Garden & Zoo (Monroe, La.) is a 6 yr. old Indian female named "Michele."

Carla Wallenda was recently in New Orleans, La. where Charles Koehler, Jr. owner of the Dixiana Circus visited with her. She has some dates with Tom Packs in that area.

Hoxie Bros. Circus will again close the season with a 3 day stand at New Orleans, La. this October.

The annual shrine circus at Monroe, La., will be held on Oct. 26-28. The show will be produced by Eddie Zacchini.

The State of Alabama is one of the few states that will license a vehicle on a "mail in" basis with no requirement for a proof of ownership.

This reporter regrets to see the closing of Wallace & Clark and merger into Fisher Bros. Circus. (Circus Report for June 11).

ROUTES

FAIRS

Stutsman County Fair

July 1-4 Jamestown, N. D.

Towner County Fair

June 25-27 Cando, N. D.

50th State Fair

Jun 28-Jul 15 Honolulu, Hawaii.

ATTENTION.

We need route information, news about shows and other information for future issues of this paper. Let's hear from you.

One of the reasons may well be the total loss of the show's elephant semi and the cookhouse in an accident near Cleveland, Texas.

Ringling-Barnum cancelled Monroe, La but thought enough of its business to advertise, via TV, its appearance at Little Rock, Ark. somewhat beyond the reach of that city's TV station.

Pandas are again in the news. A zoo in Tokyo has received a pair from China. They spent \$151,000 on a bullet proof house, air conditioning and other equipment for the animals.

DEAR PLAYBOY

The following "Letters to The Editor" appeared in a recent issue of Playboy magazine in response to the story "The Big Top Wants You" which appeared in that magazine in April 1973. That special article was about the Hoxie Bros. Circus.

SIDE SHOW

When I came upon Fred Powledge's *The Big Top Wants You!* (PLAYBOY, April), I thought, Oh, God! Another of those screwed-up circus articles by some first-of-May who knows absolutely nothing about circuses. Was I in for a pleasant surprise! By the time I'd finished the first page, I realized that Powledge hadn't written any sawdust-and-spangles garbage. He wrote a real, genuine, down-to-earth, dog-and-pony, horse-and-lion article about the real troupers of a mud show. What a trip, reading of ole Dime Wilson again, conjuring up visions of Echo Yashida, the foot juggler, and of Texas Ted Lewis, who worked his wild West concert with the likes of Hoot Gibson and Tom Mix. Powledge took me back to the days when performers didn't need mechanical belts and when clown alley wasn't mostly

a fruit stand full of dirty-necks. Believe me, those were the days.

Vern W. Coriell
Kansas City, Missouri

Everything Powledge says in his article is true. I am speaking from practical experience of over a quarter of a century. I know Junior, the wild-animal trainer mentioned in the article, very well. I worked with him in the Clyde Beatty Circus when he was a cage boy. He is the only black wild-animal trainer in the circus world today, and a great showman. Incidentally, the people working with wild animals refer to themselves as *trainers*, not tainers. There is no such thing as a tamed wild animal. You can train them, but you can't tame them.

Count Nicholas
Sarasota, Florida

Congratulations to Powledge on an important article. His ability to get inside Hoxie Tucker's empire made for a most enjoyable piece of reading.

P. E. Pepke
North Warren, Pennsylvania

With all respect to Powledge and his pontificating about the circus representing real life, I must say that he failed to get the *real* story behind the circus. I spent several weeks last year with the Hoxie outfit, working as a roustabout and prop man. The things I saw—extreme cruelty to men and animals and the worst living conditions I have ever experienced—made me conclude that Powledge's romantic vision of circus life belongs on the ground, under the elephant shit.

Ken Walker
Athens, Ohio

Circus Cafe

Fred and Fifi Reed, of Phoenix, Ariz. week-ended in Flagstaff on June 16-17, and caught two performances of the John Strong Circus. They report full houses for all the shows.

Music for the program has been "beefed-up" and is excellent. Dick Cross is at the organ, a young man called "Spoons" plays drums and John Pugh plays trumpet, and does some fine work.

During the weekend Fred and Fifi found a new restaurant in Flagstaff called "Joey's Food Circus." Owner Joe Nackard has done a fine job with the decor, including an old time circus train that makes an overhead trip every 15 minutes. All waitresses are dressed as clowns, and both food and service is the best. When in Flagstaff be sure to visit - Joey's Food Circus.

PEOPLE

KARL WALLEDA will be at the Blue Water Festival (Port Huron, Mich) July 9-15. He will be walking a wire stretched between two buildings about a block apart.

AUSTIN MILES has left the Emmett Kelly, Jr., Circus to do free lance work.

WES HALE visited the Royal Wild West Circus in New York on June 10th.

PETER GROS, of New York, has been named "Director of exotic animals" at Marine World in Redwood City, Calif.

WILLY WEINHOLDT, of Sarasota, Fla., was elected president of the Int'l Jugglers Assoc. at a May 26-28 meeting in Livingston, N. J.

OTTO GRIEBLING is the subject of several photos in the Spring 1973 magazine "35 MM Photography."

TOM UPTON's comedy movies are being presented on a regular schedule at the fair in Vallejo, Calif.

FANNIE HEYWORTH is one of the Beatty-Cole Circus' top phone room promoters.

BUBBA VOSS, who formerly played with the Kelly-Miller and Beatty-Cole bands, was recently married.

SALLY RAND credits her youthful figure to her early life as a circus performer.

Notes

An equipment and storage shed at Marine World (Redwood City, Cal.) burned on Jun 10.

Wallace & Rogers Circus did not reopen on June 14th as was previously reported. Their season is now getting underway.

Members of the Merle Evans CFA Tent will visit Ringling's Blue Unit at Tulsa, Okla. then plan to have a banquet at the Shangri-la Lodge at Grand Lake, Okla.

The Milwaukee Circus Parade (July 4) is reportedly going to be screened on the west coast between 6 and 8 p.m.

Gatti-Charles Circus did not play Fremont, Calif. on June 18th as was reported. They played Union City on that date.

Hooper Bros. & Darlington, of West Chester, Pa. still makes real wagon wheels.

SIMONE FINNER visited the Gatti Charles Circus in San Francisco, Cal. on Jun 17.

TRUZZI, former top name juggler, is reportedly operating a men's clothing store.

PAUL VAN POOL visited with Sid Kellner when the George Matthews Circus opened its tour in his city.

JAMES DePIRO recently visited the Caltech Circus, De Wayne Bros. and the Miller-Johnson Circus.

JOE SCHMITT, Jr. clown, will soon join the Ward Hall Circus as a magician in the side show and annuncer.

CHESTER YOST, MIKE NORTON, HANABEL BELIER, LARRY WEEKS and Dr. Quackenbushes, clowns, worked that recent retarded children's day in New York.

BILLIE GRUBLES, lithographer, has joined the advance crew of the Lewis Bros. Circus.

RON HENON has a beautiful new glass house which is featured on the Folwy & Burk Shows this year.

A. L. EGGERS recently visited the Emmett Kelly, Jr. Circus and the Karl Walenda Show.

TAD TOSKY reports his book "Clowning From 6 to 60" is almost sold out. Write him at: 3121 So. Avers St., Chicago, Ill.

One of the Largest

Without a doubt Jett's Petting Zoo is one of the finest such units touring the western states. Actually there are four units on the road. Three are in the East, one in the mid-west and the other in the far west.

This past week the western unit has been at the El Cerrito (Cal.) Plaza where business was extremely good. The unit came in from San Jose, then is scheduled to play Thousand Oaks, Salt Lake City, and Denver. In September they'll be back on the coast to play at Alameda and San Leandro.

Everything about the show is neat and clean. The help wear uniforms and are required to have neat trim haircuts and no beards. The top is about 35 x 65 ft, yellow and red, with colorful streamers on each guy line. The ticket box (prices are 35¢ or three for \$1.00) is built like a miniature barn.

A wide variety of unusual animals are carried - giant turtles, wallabies, deer, llama, goats, burro, etc. There's even an elephant. Three rides are also carried on the unit - a zoo train, umbrella ride and a small ferris wheel.

The entire show moves on six units. This includes four straightbed trucks, a trailer and a large semi van. All are painted white with red lettering,

The Forces that Monitor

In a public statement last week Donald Anderson, president of the Disadvantaged Children's Chapter at Seattle, Wash. said an upcoming appearance of the 1869 circus in that area would not benefit any local charities. He charged that telephone solicitors for the circus were "pitching" the show as a benefit program for the disadvantaged children of that area.

Anderson said the circus is a fund-raising activity for the Jaycees, which is a public service organization. The fact the drive has no charitable purpose, Anderson said, exempts it from the new laws that govern charitable solicitations. The law requires that at least 45% of the proceeds must be turned over to the charity that is named.

The City of Seattle and King County Licensing Departments and the City-County Ombudsman's Office all report they are receiving complaints about the telephone sales program. They have ordered the circus to "eliminate any such reference in their telephone pitch."

City and County officials have asked all those who bought tickets on the basis they would help disadvantaged children to contact them, or to call the local office of the Ombudsman.