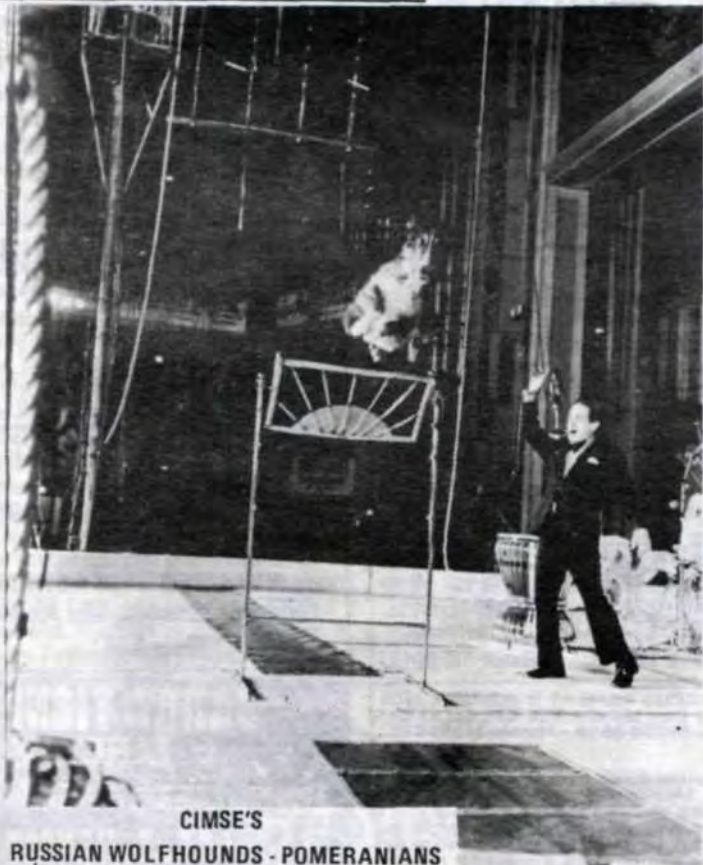


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# East Coast News

by FRANK D. ROBIE

Artist Ray Dirgo has completed the logo for the 1983 CFA Convention to be held in Philadelphia next July. It will be seen on the cover of *White Tops*, probably Mar-Apr, and, on the Convention packet and program. The versatile artist has a "Circus Sketchbook" published and currently for sale. One of it's many distinctions is that it is the only book that has a picture of Count Nicholas, well-known ringmaster, in it.

In his long career thousands of pictures have been taken of the Count but never a one was published in a book. Ray Dirgo's "Circus Sketchbook" is a one of a kind, genuine article of circus memorabilia and is bound to be a collector's item. Autographed copies may be obtained by sending \$8.75 to: Ray Dirgo, 12 Glenvale Circle, Bridgeport, Conn. 06610.

Noted this year on the Clyde Beatty-Cole Bros. Circus. A large crew of young clean, college age roustabouts and from early morn to late at night they were drinking 24 oz. containers of . . . Iced Tea. There was no Blue Room on the show.

Mr. Richard Flint, President of the Circus Historical Society, will be the guest speaker for the annual banquet of the combined Rudynoff Tent No. 127 CFA and Rudynoff Ring No. 60 CMB. The event is to be held at Reese Vol. Fire Hall on Saturday, Oct. 9.

Gregory Fedin and Nina Krasavina, owners and operators of a circus school, report that the Circus Arts Center must vacate its pre-

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mises in Hoboken, NJ, and they are very interested in moving it to Oakview, Calif. in Ventura County, Oakview is 20 miles north of Burbank. They would like to buy property there.

The American-Swedish Historical Museum in Philadelphia has one entire room devoted to Jenny Lind, the Swedish artist brought over by P. T. Barnum. The Jenny Lind room focuses on a collection of mementos including the Swedish Nightingale's sheet music from her singing tour in America during the 1850's.

Arriving via Air France, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Chirrick returned from a European engagement on Oct. 1st. They played Loews Monte Carlo, followed by a two week engagement at Palm Beach Cannes. Mr. Chirrick, a noted juggler, has signed with the Harlem Globe Trotters National Unit starting Oct. 8th. The Globe Trotters will play Brendan Byrne Area, East Rutherford on Feb. 18-19, located about one mile from Chirrick's boyhood home in Moonachie.

Felix B. Adler Tent No. 12 CFA, will hold its annual Joe Minchin Banquet at the Robin Hood Inn, Clifton, NJ, on Sunday, Oct. 24th, Mr. John McConnell, vice president of Royal Hanneford Circus will be the guest speaker.

## Show Dates

### Circus Knie

Oct 25-26 Pl. Bellevue, Swt  
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29-Nov. 1 Allmend

### Circus Vargas

Oct 25-26 Woodland, Ca.  
27-28 Merced

### Coronas Circus

Oct 27-31 Kansas City, Mo

### Olympic Int'l Circus

Oct 26-31 Miami, Fla.

### Peanut Circus

Oct 30 Clio, Ala.  
30-31 Pint Mtn, Ga.

### Ringling-Barnum - Blue

to Oct 31 Rosemont, Ill.

### Ringling-Barnum - Red

to Nov. 1 Boston, Mass.

### Texas Shrine Circus

Oct 24-31 Dallas, Texas

### Wood Family Circus

Oct 27-31 Biloxi, Miss.

### --- OTHER DATES ---

### James H. Drew Exposition

Oct 28-Nov 6 Augusta, Ga

### Garray & Tomio

Oct 27 Visalia, Calif.  
28 Bakersfield  
29 Palm Springs

### Grand Nationals

Oct 29-Nov 7 San Fran,  
Calif.

### Scott's Medicine Show

Oct 25 Butler, Pa.  
26 New Castle  
27 N. Lexington, Oh.  
28 Newark  
29 Lima  
30 Wausoon  
31 Hillsdale, Mich.

### James H. Strates Shows

Oct 26-31 Atlanta, Ga.

### --- MAGIC ---

### Pf. Miller-Magic Time USA

Oct 26 Smithfield, Utah  
28 Idaho Falls, Idaho  
29 Burley  
30 Emmett

### Rainbow Magic Circus

Oct. 30 Sonoma, Calif.



This is the fun part of the performance. Walking on stilts is something I really like to do.

Now for a little rest and then it's back for another show.

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# Festival Circus

by *CHRISTINA ENGLISH*

Ron Kelroy went from one stunning coup at Rockford's Tebala Temple Shrine Circus where the show was so fantastically received that he was asked back for another year, to the Kentucky State Fair where the magic held. This show was totally self-contained: bleachers and grandstands for 3000 people, all Ron's own surrounded the performance area. Pennants streamed from the aerial rigging and flags and banners decorated the perimeter of the bleachers and grandstands.

The acts were great: Overture played by Keith Killinger; The Munoz Sisters, twin spinning stars; Alonzo & His Leather Lightning whips and ropes; Cimse's Russian Wolfhounds and Pomeranians; Miss Evelyn, The Lady in the Moon; The Karinas, comedy trampoline; Miss Constanca's Uncaged Leopards; Miss Lou Ann Jacobs, single trapeze; Los Argentinos, aerial perch pole; Gene and Eleanor Mendez, high wire; Sir Chadwick Chase and His Rolls Rotten, comedy car; Digger the Boxing Kangaroo; The Flying Lar-Rays; The Sensational Swaying Stars, triple swaying poles, and a glorious firework finale capping the patriotic theme with all members of the cast present. Even the competing mainstage entertainment such as Barbara Mandrell, The Oak Ridge Boys and others had really stiff competition.

This outdoor spectacle was visited by quite a few committees from both Shrine and other State Fair boards. Most commented on the quality of the show and the largesse of equipment and rolling stock. Many found it difficult to believe that Ron was constantly running back and forth from Louisville to Springfield to supervise the production, but were highly impressed that he could run two such large operations single handedly (with a little help from his Mother in

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Ron definitely has big plans for 1983 with tremendous expansion planned in the area of equipment, costumes, aerial ballets and rolling stock.

Dates as of this writing for 1983 are: Kossair Temple in Louisville, Feb.; Mohassan Grotto in Rock Island, Ill., Mar.; Oleika Temple in Lexington, Apr.; Tadmor Temple in Canton, Ohio, Apr.-May; Summerfest in Milwaukee, June-July; 4-H Circus, Chicago, July; Illinois State Fair, Springfield, Aug.; Tebala Temple, Rockford, Ill. July; El Zaribah Temple, Phoenix, Ariz. May.

There are also negotiations pending for several of his dates from this year to re-contract for next year. This year's lineup of acts was great, but as he changes the show totally we can't wait to see what he has in store for next year.

## PEOPLE

**DANNY DANIELS**, comic, organist, juggler, concluded a fine summer of fair dates, plus celebrations, etc. All repeat dates from previous years. He is now playing banquets and booking his Xmas shows with his "One Man" show, has dates booked up to and including New Years Eve,

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## Circus at Disney

by JOE WIEBUSH

In all the pre-opening publicity surrounding EPCOT CENTER at Disney World, some points of interest to circus people may be overlooked. As "locals" we had the opportunity to preview Epcot just before its opening on Oct. 1st. The Kodak feature, "Journey Into Imagination" is a "must" for circus folks.

Part of the offering is a 14 min., three dimensional movie called "Magic Journeys." About 5 minutes is devoted to spectacular and outstanding circus acts. The written word cannot begin to prepare you for what you will see. Acts featured included flying trapeze, a performing lion, a high wire performance, a stiltwalker and some classic clown sequences. The preview audience gasped audibly (if there was any publicity on just what acts these were, I missed it).

EPCOT is so overwhelming that early visitors might easily overlook this feature tucked away as it is in the huge Kodak presentation. Seek it out. It is worth standing in line for.



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## Fair Feature

The Wood Family Circus, Circus Wagon Menagerie and Petting Zoo will be featured in the "Animal Fair" area of the Gulf Coast State Fair and Exposition at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum, Oct. 27 thru 31st, according to fair manager Carlota Robinson.

Also appearing free at the Fair are: Jonny Rivers High Diving Mules, Barbara Dudgeon & Maria, Dressage and Clown Dennis Gilliland.

A. C. A. Link Shows will provide the midway for the fair, which is promoted by Creative Outlet, Largo, Fla.

Non-Circus free entertainment includes country vocalists Roy Drusky, Jimmy C. Newman and Danny Davis and the Nashville Brass.



## Special Anniversary

by DIANE WHITE

*(Reprinted from the Boston Globe, 1982)*

Nahant, Mass. - Marlene McCauley wanted to ride an elephant for her 25th wedding anniversary party.

"Philosophically, the elephant is a perfect symbol of marriage," she explained in a letter she wrote to newspaper and television editors asking them to cover the party.

"Marriage is a gigantic undertaking, just as riding an elephant is," she wrote. "They are unsteady, bumpy moments, but one must cling tenaciously, firmly to the rail. In marriage, there must be clinging - holding on. The reward is center ring! In marriage, it is a beautiful, fulfilling relationship with God, your partner and family. That's center ring!"

Marlene McCauley had a nostalgic reason for celebrating her silver wedding anniversary on top of an elephant. At the time of her marriage, Marlene Smiley was an elephant rider for the Ringling Bros. Circus. She gave up her professional career in show business when she married Allan McCauley, but she's kept her hand in as an amateur. The McCauley's live in Phoenix, where he is a lawyer. The couple and their six children, who range in age from six to 23, perform a circus show, the Popcorn Puppet Playhouse, for charity.

The McCauleys, who spend summers with her mother in Nahant, Mass., decided to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary by renewing their marriage vows during a Mass on Aug. 22nd at St. Thomas Aquinas Church in

Nahant. A party of 125 guests followed at the Nahant Country Club. Its theme was "Twenty-five years of marriage - A happy circus."

A clutch of reporters and photographers, summoned from various news outlets to capture Marlene McCauley atop her elephant, arrived at the Nahant Country Club at the appointed time to find the guests still at the church. Ruth, a 20-year old Asian elephant, was holding court on the front lawn.

At last the anniversary party arrived, led by Mrs. McCauley, a tall brunette in a long rose pink jacket dress and dangling silver earrings.

Marlene McCauley smiled. "Marriage," she said to no one in particular, "is a lot like riding an elephant."

Ruth dropped to her knees. Marlene McCauley hoisted her youngest child, Joseph, six, aboard the elephant's back. He gripped the rail, grinning, clearly delighted. Then, lifting her skirt, Marlene McCauley mounted very carefully, and sat sidesaddle.

Her husband gamely climbed on behind her. "Marriage," he said from his perch, "is like psychosis."

The McCauley's kissed for the cameras. Shutters clicked. The people in the crowd applauded. Twenty-five years of marriage. A happy circus Center ring.

## PEOPLE

T. J. HOWELL, who has been working in front of Carson & Barnes Circus, closed with that show on Oct. 30th and then will open with the Big John Strong Xmas Unit for a Nov. 10-23 tour.

## A Helping Hand

by FRED REED

There are still good samaritans, willing to lend a helping hand.

Heidi Wendany, talented young proprietor of the Wendany Funs-A-Poppin Circus was enroute to Prescott, Ariz., to play the Yavapi County Fair. Driving a one ton truck she was towing a trailer transporting all of the trained circus animals.

The truck developed mechanical problems, and as is so common, all this happened at night. What to do with a trailer full of animals in the center of Glendale, Ariz.?

I told Heidi not to worry, I would take care of it, although I wasn't sure of just how I would do it.

A few blocks from my home, there are several homes on large lots that include

horse priveleges. I drove to the nearest one I could find, influenced no doubt by the tennis courts, swimming pool and green grass in the small, fenced pastura:

I rang the door bell, and was greeted by the very charming Linda Taylor. I don't remember what I said, but it must have been all right, for the Taylor family put up for the night, one Morgan horse, five ponies, six dogs and one large goat.

## PEOPLE

HO PO the Maine Clown recently completed 12 days work as Mascot for the Eastern States Expo for WAYNE McCARY.

## Shrine Circus

by *DAVID CZERNY*

The Tebala Temple Shrine Circus which ran from July 16 to 26, played three towns, Woodstock, Sterling/Rock Falls and Pocatonia. The show was produced and directed by R. J. Kelroy & Assoc. Inc. Of the three towns only one had poor attendance, Pocatonia. It was not a wise choice as it is so remote from Rockford proper.

The show itself was one of the finest ever produced at any shrine circus. For that matter for any circus. It was reminiscent of the old days of the Polack Bros. Circus in the 40's and 50's.

It was a huge extravaganza of lively entertainment for folks of all ages: Overture '82 led by Keith Killinger, Grand Entry Parade featuring all of the performers and highlighted by the Albullet Skycycle; Three rings of cradles by the Pablo Duo, The Rodriguez Duo and the Jonsson Duo; Two rings of beautiful dogs, Cimse's Russian Wolfhounds and Pomeranians and Wilnow's Indian Fantasy; Billy Barton's cloud swing; the beautiful Dielkas Sisters, rolling globes; The Albullet Bros., high wire; The Karinas, comedy trampoline; Wayne and Ingrid Ragen's tiger

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The Kai-Din-El Sisters, triple hair hang; The Torino Bros., unicycles/bicycles; The Clowns; Sir Chadwick Chase and his Rolls Rotten, comedy car; The Olmedas' Spanish Horse Fantasy; Donny Johnson's elephants; The Flying Volantes, double flying act; and The Great Hugo Zacchini, human cannonball; then a beautiful patriotic finale with a burst of fireworks.

Clowns were Billy Vaughn, Bobby Davis and John McKay who did just the right amount of clowning. Their numbers were short and sweet and funny, utilizing a combination of their own material and Ron's original clown gags.

Ringmaster was Col. "Lucky" Larabee, Diane Shapiro was general manager, Ivy Kelroy was production manager and Tony Forman was prop boss.

On a sad note, as of Sept. 12th, Tebala Temple suffered a grievous loss when its Circus Chairman, Ralph Jones, passed away from a terminal illness. We certainly all share in the grief suffered by the loss of this great man. We are certain, as well, that his presence will be missed as well as his admirable and talented leadership.

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# PEOPLE

"J. F." Jim Waynick closed with Hoxie Bros. Circus on Sept. 25th. He had been the show's electrician.

PAUL HORSMAN reports seeing the Int'l All Star Circus in Auburn, NY, on Sept. 16 and the Hermann Lipizzan Show at Weedsport, NY on Sept. 14th. JIMMY COLE also visited the Int'l All Star Circus that day.

CAPT. DON LESLIE, sword-swallower and tattooed man, was featured in a special story in the Foster's Daily Democrat of Do-

ver, NH. on Sept. 25th.

BILL and CHRIS SCHREIBER are the parents of a baby boy - DANIEL OWEN - born Sept. 18th at 5:52 a.m. in Belleville, Ontario, Canada. The new arrival weighed in at 8 lbs. 12½ oz. and measured 21 in. long. His parents have been with the Martin & Downs Circus this year.

PHIL LINK, award winning artist from North Carolina, has several of his circus paintings on display at the Link Bros. Pharmacy in Reidsville, NC. The display will be on exhibit thru the end of October.

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## I Remember When

by WILLIAM WOTSCH

Reading about the Young Rasini Rocket Car at the All Star Int'l Super Circus in Jackson, NJ, Aug. 21-Sept. 5, it brought back memories when Rasini's Rocket Car appeared at a Sports Show in our Cleveland Arena.

That was about 1959 or so and it was the father. When he climbed to the top of his rigging he would yell down "you never had it so good." Then down would come the car and it would flip and land in the canvas net. Rasini would jump out and yell "you never had it so good."

One summer I saw Rasini at the Tom Packs Circus in Pittsburgh. His son was there and I was introduced to him. I mentioned his appearance in Cleveland and he remembered.

I also enjoyed reading about Ernie Burch and his wife, Maran. Many times I have enjoyed their clowning and balloon work.

About that trip to Russia in 1967, Jake Mills was one of the fellows in charge. When Jake returned our CFA tent held a party for him in Cleveland. He told us about the Russian trip and showed pictures.

## One way to do it

by W. C. COUP written in 1891

The advertising agents for a large circus of the present would, no doubt, get a good deal of amusement from the tales of experiences of the advertising men who travelled in advance of the old-time wagon show.

One time when I was traveling with a show owned by Yankee Robinson we discovered that we were almost entirely out of show-bills. We were for a time in serious quandary - but we were not to be downed in this manner.

We hired a wagon and with a single bill in our possession started out to bill the country from which we hoped to draw our patrons. At the gate of every farmer we stopped and called loudly. When the king of the soil appeared we would hand him the bill and allow him to read it and then we would take the bill and ride on to the next house.

It was tedious work, but we succeeded in drawing our crowd and felt repaid for our efforts.

# HOTLINE

Sept. 27 - Wisconsin Rapids, Wisc. - Murder charges against two elephant handlers were dropped after the district attorney concluded the woman they had been accused of killing, died when she was hit in the head by an elephant's trunk. They were charged with a lesser crime and fined for "failure to report a death."

"It is clear from the evidence that Mary Herman was crushed inside of the (animal) trailer," said District Attorney Keith F. El-

lison.

Oct. 2 - Willows, Calif. - The semi truck and trailer carrying animals for the Big John Strong Circus overturned about three miles south of the city. Horses, goats, ponies and an elephant named "Neena" were spilled out on the highway but were uninjured. Local County Deputies helped to round them up for their appearance in Willows.

# PEOPLE

**YURI BELOV** is now installed as Prof. of Russian Drama and Clown Arts at the North Carolina School of the Arts. He has just completed bookings at Riverside Dance Festival

in New York, with The Clown Conspiracy (starring Tanya and Joe Killian), and will return to New York in April for a stint of teaching Clown Arts at the New York University.

## Show Acts

Acts appearing with the Martin & Downs Circus this past summer season were:

Oscar and Cathy (English) Garcia, jugglers; cradle and single traps; Bones Craig with his elephants; Brad Franks, announcing, menage horses, whips and ropes; Ron Dykes, Roy Campbell and Ceres Morris, unicycles and juggling; Cathy Wilson, aerial ladder; Hana and mule novelty act; the Waltens Family, balancing act; The Schreiber dog act; Bill Schreiber, liberty act; Larry Sellon, as Prof. Zambonia, clown; Manuela Waltens, web, and Lynn Michaels, organist.

Ron and Arlene Moms ran the concessions and Frank Dailey was boss canvasman, on loan from Garden Bros. and when he left to rejoin that show Dennis Michaels took over that job.

The show toured in eastern Canada and had no blown downs. Twice they made a quick teardown due to strong winds and at two stands the show was presented indoors.

The entire show personnel visited the Ron-

ald MacDonald Circus when the circus was playing near Ottawa.



The program for the annual Ben Hur Temple Shrine Circus lists the following personnel:

Keith Killinger, musical director; Ernie Mc Lean, vocals and ringmaster; Josip Marcan, wild animals; Mendez, high wire; The Zamperlas, Arabian stallions; Comedy cars by Terry and Poco Plus; The Pueyrredons, balance/perch; The Knops, perch pole; The Navarro Troupe; The Zamperlas; Javannah and her Jungle Wonders; My-Immba, baboons; Ms. Vita, aerialist; The Flying Carrolls, flying act; Irvin Hall, comedy cycles; Dubsky's Poodles; Los Gauchos, dancers; La Yama, Smith Duo, Galambos, Kristina, The Dolly Sisters and Danuta in an aerial display; Napoleone's Roman Riding Act; Rudolph Delmonte, contortionist; The Cristiani and Cuneo elephants; Capt. Circus, shot from a cannon.

## Parade Band

Sept. 12th was cool and dreary in Wisconsin Dells, Wisc. as the old circus wagon pulled into town. Nonetheless the annual Fall Festival went on as scheduled. The streets were packed with people, even hours before the gigantic parade was scheduled to start.

Block after block of the most unusual merchandise that one has ever seen. The "Dells" annual fair just has to be termed the "Worlds Largest Flea Market," with acres of paintings and antiques, handicraft, produce and much more, all on display and for sale. There was also food and drink to satisfy one and all.

The parade got under way in a rousing manner with exploding fireworks and screaming sirens. The Old Band Wagon wound its way over the three mile parade route without a hitch. A light shower just before parade time did not dampen the spirits of these talented musicians.

The crowd was four, five and six people deep along the entire route. The Band Wagon was No. 95 in the parade lineup, so you can see it was well towards the end of the parade. One spectator was heard to call out "first good music we've heard today". Quite

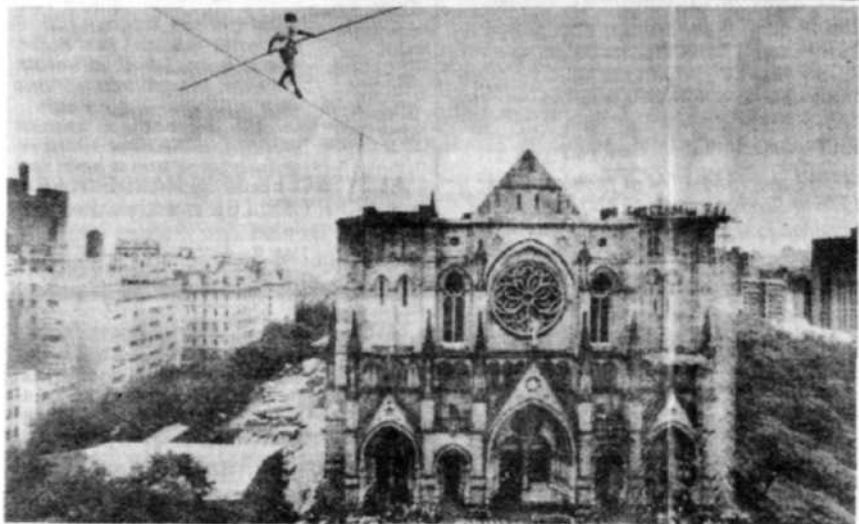
a compliment for these fine musicians. Applause and cheering greeted the Band Wagon every foot of the way, as both young and old alike showed their appreciation of this display of circus music at its best.

As we near the end of the parade season, you can still enjoy the "real circus band," and right in the comfort of your home. You can send for an album of your own, with a picture of the band wagon as well as a listing of the musicians. It is the last chance, the band won't be cutting another record this season.

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## PEOPLE

DOROTHY DAWLEY, mother of circus announcer Al Dawley has been hospitalized and would enjoy receiving cards. She is at: Chandler Hospital, 601 Abercorn St., Savannah, Ga. 31401.



PHILLIPE PETIT is pictured here as he walked a wire 150 feet above Amsterdam Avenue to carry a silver trowel to the Cathedral of St. John the Divine. After 41 years, construction on the world's largest Gothic cathedral was resumed last month. *The photo appeared in the New York Times, Sept. 30, 1982 and is credited to Fred R. Conrad.*

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## Shrine Dates

Compiled by MIKE SPORRER

Idaho Falls, Idaho - Idaho Falls Shrine Club

1952 - Jun 17-18 - Polack Bros. East

1953 - None

1954 - July 2-3 - Polack Bros. East

1955 - 1965 - None

1966 - June 22 - William Kay

1967 - June 27-28 - William Kay

1968 - June 24-25 - William Kay

1969 - June 26-27 - William Kay

1970 - June 23-24 - William Kay

1971 - June 22-23 - William Kay

1972 - June 20-21 - William Kay

1973 - June 19-20 - William Kay

1974 - June 18-19 - William Kay

1975 - None

1976 - June 29-30 - William Kay

1977 - June 28-29 - William Kay

1978 - June 22-23 - William Kay

1979 - June 21-22 - William Kay

1980 - June 19-20 - William Kay

1981 - June 18-19 - William Kay

1982 - June 14-15 - William Kay

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## Show Acts

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## PEOPLE

AL STENCELL, JACK MANDEVILLE and LARRY SELLON recently visited the Carson & Barnes Circus, Roberts Bros. Circus and Int'l All Star Circus.

## Clown Play

The clown play "I'll Be the Circus" is oriented for adults and opened in New York on Oct. 15th. The show was originally directed by Yury Belov, who formerly was with the Moscow State Circus.

The Clown play features Hannabelle and The Clown Co. and is a two hour program at the Ryan Repertory Company in Brooklyn. This version is also being booked into schools as an hour show. It includes a cast of seven plus musicians and the company horse (an excellent construction by Peggy Balukas, for two people).

Hanabelle is reviving the vaudeville horse gag in circus style for this show.

## PEOPLE

THE LA CROIX DUO, aerial cradle (Laurie Polumbo and Chuck Craw) joined Heidi Wendany's Funs-A-Poppin Circus for their Sept. 17-19 dates. The La Croix Duo is a part of the Great All American Youth Circus and were booked by Warren C. Wood & Associates.

BILL WHITMIRE works on the high wire at Circus World, in Florida, and is a part of the Aqua Circus' Acrobatic Diving Team,

ANGELA WILNOW and Her Collies, have finished their recent bookings in New England and from Oct. 20 to Nov. 14 will be with the New Castle, Pa., based Kamala Circus.

## From Florida

by MARJORIE J. HACKETT

There was an excellent Television "Promo" for Circus World, Haines City, Fla., seen locally on Aug. 11th, with the narration by Faye Alexander.

Bactibac is the name used by two clever gymnasts named Mark Schludt (Marvelous Mark McGurk) and Jerry Folta (Jumpin' G) whom we saw perform at Hillsborough Plaza, Tampa, one Saturday morning. They tumble, do trampoline and juggle and eat fire! Mark is also a member of the hi diving team at Circus World and a Hillsborough County firefighter. These personable young men and their families moved to Florida from the Chicago area. We were pleased to meet them and see their fast paced acts for the first time.

We drove on from Tampa to Lakeland and Milonga Escalante Cline's home where we joined Phillip and Brenda Cline and Johnny, Jr. and Rebecca Cline and many of their young friends and children for a barbeque to celebrate Brenda's 23rd birthday. A Florida rain squall almost ended the barbeque but it finally stopped and the food was marvelous. Phillip's progress is miraculous, we are pleased to report and they are now living back at Cocoa Beach on the Atlantic coast. Milonga is back at her school teaching position after the hectic summer commuting between home and the hospital. We teased her about her only "vacation" being a weekend at our home!

Nobody in the circus business is going to believe that the eternally young Herbie Weber is a Grandfather! It's true, because Herbie, Jr. and wife Yolanda announced the arrival of Amanda Rae Weber, born on Aug.

12th. She weighed in at 8 lbs. 7½ oz. and I am sure that Grandmother Chata and Granddad Herbie think she is the greatest baby in the world.

Lauramay (McKenzie) Petrillo and her Mom, Mildred McKenzie, drove from Miami to Terre Haute (Ind) for Lauramay's High school re-union. Lauramay performed on RBBB for 13 seasons where her late husband, Mike, also worked. Lauramay and Mildred enjoyed a Little Italy Festival in nearby Clinton, Ind., hometown of Ken Kercheval of TV's "Dallas". Kercheval was the main attraction at this event along with Italian food enjoyed by close to 100,000 visitors.

News of the recent death of aerialist Jerry D. Martin, in Tampa, brought a story from our friend Bill Kourmpates that Jerry survived a 70 ft. fall when he was performing as Jay Dee the Great, dressed in a monkey suit! He is survived by his wife who was one of the Constantine Sisters act.

We are always happy when Circus Fan Friends from outside Florida take the time to call and come to visit, recently Mary and Fred Griffin, from New York City, spent a day with us, having come to St. Petersburg on Amtrack. The trip was a real thriller as they left on Friday the 13th and enroute were forced to evacuate due to a bomb scare, a second bomb scare occurred in So. Carolina but this time a dog, trained to sniff out bombs was brought thru the train - there were no bombs either time! Fred who is a delightful Irishman brought his juggling equipment and put on a private show for us.

Lucille Lane who is a District Director of Circus Fans from College Park (Atlanta), Ga.

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spent an afternoon with us in Clearwater. She was visiting her son and his family in St. Petersburg and being a railroad buff, she got on the Amtrack for the 25 minute ride, we met the train and enjoyed a visit and lunch at Clearwater Beach.

Thursday, Sept. 23rd, beginning of the Autumn season (although you'd never know it in Florida) found us in the car and heading to the east coast. First stop was DeLand where we talked to Edna Antes on the phone and also to Mari Jo Couls, Mari Jo was going to be home so we enjoyed an afternoon visit and tea and cookies.

We were heading up to St. Augustine (America's oldest city) and she suggested we look up Phil Chandler. We were fortunate enough to find a parking space on the quaint, narrow, St. George St. almost in front of "Merlin's Magic Den" which is a small shop in an arcade run by Phil and wife Linda. We introduced ourselves and had a pleasant visit with Phil. We also toured many of the restored shops, it rivals New Orleans in it's attractions and is now drawing a large share of Florida visitors. We stayed overnight and went on to Jacksonville the next morning, revelling in the first cool air we had breathed in many a month!

Our destination was the 22nd annual Morocco Shrine Temple Circus at Jacksonville Memorial Coliseum, produced by Bill Kay and presenting performances on Saturday and Sunday. The first folks we ran into, checking into the motel were band director Leo Mascitto and the drummer Ted Wade. Leo is from Sarasota and Ted is from Bradenton. They were joined by Mark Hendricks, trumpet player from Tampa, all the other musicians were local.

Friday found David visiting at the building where the show was moving in, it is quite a sight to see as they rig the aerial acts in this dome, they were using a mechanical "cherry picker" this year. Previous years they utilized the Jacksonville Fire Dept. equipment. They do three shows on Saturday, two on Sunday. Dates were changed from the month of October to September this year. We had tickets for the Saturday night show when all the units parade, etc. Many of the Morocco units were prize winners at this year's Imperial Shrine session in October.

Friend and former high act, Bill Kourmpates, Egypt Temple of Tampa, was in town acting in his capacity as Commander of the South East Shrine Association "Legions of Honor" which is comprised of men from 13 temples in the South Eastern U. S. Also visiting were local resident Wesley (Brownie) Brown and his wife and sister-in-law. Brownie had just closed with Great American Circus at Daytona Beach.

Bill Kourmpates always produces a good show, this one had the following line up and moved at a fast pace. (That always makes me happy as a spectator, for I dislike long, draggy shows!)

Andre's lions (8 in the cage); The Jupiters (3 Nocks doing a hanging trapeze cradle); Droquettes (3 person balancing act); Mary Ruth Herriott's super dog act; The Navarro Troupe (3 unicycles); the Morocco Funsters; The Mad Hatters (Droquettes, fast and funny); Pirates of The Sky (now done by Roger Lamothe and David Chabira for 3½ yrs); The Flying Lantony's (3 girls and catcher); Intermission.

Katinka and her Poodles (Nocks); The Dol-

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ly Sisters ( the 3 Navarros, 1981 winners at Monte Carlo); Norbu, the Almost Human Gorilla, assisted by wife Arden; The Morocco Funsters; Palomino Pony Parade, Ian Garden, Jr.; The Morocco Funsters; Elephants (4 Asian, 1 African), worked by Ben DeWayne family; The Nock Bros., sway poles.

As previously stated, it was a fast paced show, beautifully costumed, again many three generation members and done to good, circus music. Thus ended another enjoyable yearly trip to Jacksonville which is a 5 hour and 250 mile trip from our home.

Moslem Temple Shrine in Detroit is going to make a gala event out of this coming 75th annual show in March with many special events planned to honor America's oldest Shrine Circus.

It was my late father's temple and where I started my (short) circus career, so I am proud to announce that my story of how I left college and "joined out" will be in the book by John McConnell and also in an issue of the Detroit Free Press. The Detroit Historical Society is planning a circus exhibit as one of the events to honor Moslem.