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Taxes Due

A five year controversy over tax assessments was partially concluded when the Property Appraisal Adjustment Board ruled the Ringling Bros. Barnum & Bailey Shows, Inc., must pay Sarasota (Fla.) County Taxes on its property in Venice and an apportion of its tangible personal property for the traveling shows.

However, the Board decided not to rule on putting the circus trains on the tax roll until an appeal from last year's taxes is resolved in the Leon County Circuit Court.

The Board determined that since the circus Blue Unit was in the county for 73 days and the Red Unit was in the county for 28 days, the circus should pay for respective assessments of \$36,520 and \$7,700.

Sarasota County Property Appraiser John Mikos contends the circus trains should be fully assessed and taxed as being permanently located in the county. Such taxes would go into the county funds. Mikos has agreed not to send tax bills to the circus until the local court resolves the issue.

Ringling attorney Granville Crabtree argued the trains are not permanently located in the county and should be assessed only by the state. Trains that are determined private for tax purposes are centrally assessed by the state and the money is then distributed to various counties

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Although a routine missing person report had been filed there seemed to be no trace of Maureen. Then late last month her mother sent out an urgent plea for her return because a brother was dying of cancer and had only a short time to live.

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2 Plainville

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Sept. 27-29 Nashua, N. H.

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Sept. 26 Frederick, Md.
27-28 Springfield, Va.
29 Leesburg
Oct. 1 Fredericksburg

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Sept. 26 Hatsboro, Pa.
27 Paradise
28 Oxford
29 Quarryville
Oct. 1 Tarreytown, Md.

Wm. Kay Circus
Oct. 1-2 Jacksonville, Fla.

Swan Bros. Circus
Oct. 1-2 Santa Maria, Calif.

TNT & Royal Olympic Circus
Sep 28-Oct 2 Galesburg, Ill.

King Bros. Circus
Sept. 26 Covington, La.
27 Lafayette
28 Abbeville
29 Morgan City
30 Meltarie

Oct. 1 Golden Meadows
2 Gonzales

Ringling-Barnum - Blue Unit
Sep 28-Oct 2 Nashville, Tenn.

Ringling-Barnum - Red Unit
Sep 28-Oct 3 Salt Lake City, Utah

Royal Danish Circus
Sept. 26-30 St. Cloud, Minn.

Sells & Gray Circus
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27 Cape Girardeau
28 Malden
29 Pocahontas, Ark..

Oct. 1 West Plains, Mo.
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30 Folsom, Calif.

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Sep 26-Oct 1 Tuscaloosa, Ala.

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Sep 26-Oct 1 Byron, Ga.

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Sept. 28-30 Hamilton, Ontario

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Sept. 26 Concord, Calif.

27 Antioch
28 Castro Valley

29 Hayward
30 San Pablo

Oct. 1 Modesto

Holiday On Ice
Sep 27-Oct 2 Largo, Md.

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Sept. 27 Newport, R. I.
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BILLY BARTON.....

NEW, VICIOUS RUMORS are being circulated about RUDY JACOBI — this time with an extra fillip: I am accused of having started them! Part of the rumors involve the Fall Tour, which I am reported to have said would never transpire, when I have been writing about its eventuality throughout the summer (Circus Carol resumed Sept. 9th at Joplin, Mo. So, that knocks the underpinnings from THAT silly rumor. The other parts of the rumors are so patently preposterous I won't even dignify them by comment!

THE LAKE GEORGE (NY) resort area featuring Storytown USA and the Gaslight Village, had blockbuster seasons with record crowds. Both parks are well kept and beautifully framed. Storytown featured the Tommy Hanneford Summer Circus and the World Championship High Divers. Gaslight Village spotlighted Kay Rosaire and her lions, the Hermine Midgets, and a small ice revue produced by illusionist Ron Urban.

NEWSMAKERS: The September issue of *Celebrity* featured a great profile on CLIFF VARGAS and his fabulous Circus Vargas.....While it is perfectly OK for PAUL BINDER, leader of the new non-pro "Big Apple Circus", which appeared for the summer in Manhattan in affiliation with the New York School for Circus Arts (whatever that is), to toot his horn, his comments need modifying. (See US Magazine, Sept. 20th issue). Comments Binder: "The mammoth commercial enterprise that the American Circus has become has almost destroyed the subtle artistry of the individual performer." **THE ONLY THINGS** that destroy the "subtle artistry" of the performer, Mr. Binder, are a lack of Polish, Skill AND Talent. Furthermore, NO amateur group will ever create from the "outside" that which has been handed down by generations of thoroughbreds. Circus Artists are not "manufactured" like Rock and Movie Stars.

After 32 yrs. in the biz, the BUMPY FAMILY, retire at the end of this season. Two members of the show troupe will be married to non-professionals so they've decided to quit while still "going strong" and try private business for a while. See you back on the circuit by 1979, kids!

BOUQUETS: To the multi-talented GOETSCHI BROS an excellent musical-comedy-unicycle act caught on Fairs, working for BETTER BOOKING, an agency helmed incidentally by BEVERLY HEIGHMAN and ROSEMARY MARINO. Bev was formerly with AL MARTIN and Rose worked for William Morris Agency. The gals have been a team for five years.

SNAPSHOTS: NANCY GIORDANO must undergo further surgery this fall....Organist JERRY MAAS, with King for the Summer, is back with Royal Hanneford, ditto band leader CHARLES SCHLARBAUM who spent the summer with Carson & Barnes...CHERI TROY, assisting CLEO in his magic act, also doing web has been appearing at the Saber Club in suburban Chicago.....TAJANA has added three sit-up tigers on revolving mirror globes.....IRIS KEPPO resumes Nursing School at the end of the Gatti season...JAVANNA's Jungle Jubilee and MYAMBA's Baboons are on the Texas Circuit....The PINSON's will not return to the Castle show in '78, will spot-book and are unveiling Joanne's new husky dog act....The Dobritch Int'l Circus plays the New Orleans Police date in the Spring, has also signed back the Wheaton (Ill) date....WALLY NAGHTIN now has over 14 bears....Spies tell me INGE and TONY SMAHA's Wisconsin hideaway is a "showplace"....The COMMANCHEROS were a last minute addition to some recent Emmett Kelly, Jr., dates.....KAYE SCHEIMAN and husband acted as "prop men" for the DAVIDE ZOPPE Family on Hubler's Indiana Fair Dates.....The LANDES Costume Co. has moved into a new building, is back in full operation after the fire in July.....Juggler MICHAEL CHERRICK, in New Jersey for the summer, now goes to CIRCUS CIRCUSIt is rumored that GRACE MacINTOSH and CHUCK MARINE have the Omaha Shrine date and that HUBERT CASTLE has picked up the St. Louis Shrine Circus in 1978.....ANITA KEPPO should be satisfied now that the weather bureau has named a hurricane after her!

COUNTRY WESTERN STAR LYNN ANDERSON appearing at the A.N.E. in St. John (NB) was feted by city officials at a lobster luncheon and the star had over 50 lobsters shipped to her Louisiana home. Lynn posed for TV with DAVE SABO's baby chimp....My thanks for the "red carpet" treatment by Mrs. CLARICE SEGAL who owns the Oakdale Music Theatre in Wallingford (Conn) and the Sunrise Theatre in Fort Lauderdale, when I journeyed there to catch Paradise On Ice. Also thanks to SONNY and ALITA MANGINI for the "Prince Najvez" T-Shirt.

JUNE PLUNKETT writes the KOOL AID Circus, produced by EDDIE ZACCHINI at the Iowa State Fair was extra-special and that a full TV taping was made of the show....BILLY and BONNIE EARL visited PHIL and FRANCINE and BABY DONDI at Mar-

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Magic Meet

The Texas Ass'n of Magicians Meet was held over Labor Day weekend at Austin, Texas, with main headquarters of the convention at the Driskill Hotel. Several lectures and close-up shows were held in the Austin Hotel ballroom. Close-up shows over the four days were held by Peter Kersten, Paul Diamond, Al Goshman, Bob Little and Art Emerson. Lectures were by Terry Seabrooke, Gene Anderson, John Cornelius, Hank Moorehouse, Chuck Jones and Dai Vernon.

The Friday night show was MC'd by Paul Diamond with such acts as: Sly, Sindy, Richard, Mandrake & Co., Datagam, Mandufher and Chams.

The Saturday night show had Gene Anderson as MC with: Joe Cassari, John Bryan, Dai Vernon, Senor Ramon Galindo, Wan Soo Troupe, Baltazar Fuentes and closing with Shamad. The late show featured Ken Griffin's illusion show with Roberta, assisted by Jack and Betty De

DIETER TASSO, juggler, is featured with the "Ice Fantasy" show appearing at the Hacienda in Las Vegas.

ALBERT LUCAS, juggler, THE FENTONS, acrobats and PELUZA, tumbling clown, were all a part of the Ice Follies show which was reviewed at Atlantic City (N.J.) by Variety.

Holt, who also did their novelty act of juggling, unicycles and eccentric dancing.


The Sunday show was MC'd by Terry Seabrooke with Peter Kersten, Sandy Ring (ventriloquist), Yutaka Kikuchi and Chuck Jones.

Among those attending the convention were Fred Story and his wife, taking time off from their busy schedule with their magic and illusion show. After the convention it was back to the road for this couple for their winter tour.


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TOMMY BENTLEY, CHUCK CLANCY, JO ANN JENNIER, GEORGE HUBLER, BILLY BARTON, and BOBBY DAVIS all visited the Beatty-Cole Circus in Dayton, Ohio.

LILLI KRISTENSEN is now working the "babies" in her leopard act. The animals debuted at the Rocky Hill State Fair, where Circus Odyssey producer ED MIGLEY and wife, CINDY, visited the animal trainer.

JO ANN JENNIER followed her run with the Paradise on Ice show by appearing with the Serendipity Singers at the Kingston (NY) IBM Picnic.

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Sawdust Trail

This reporter would like to correct an error in a recent column in reference to EARL ALLEN of Sikeston, Mo. That report should have read that Earl furnished a copy of a story and NOT AUTHORED it on the two Universities that keep the circus alive. The story was authored by a reporter of the St. Louis Globe. That article brought back fond memories to CHARLES KOEHLER, who was raised in Cairo, Ill., just a few miles from the schools. Mr. Koehler is the former owner of the Dixiana Circus.

C. P. FOX has sent out a mailer to all CFA State Chairman asking for their help in compiling an Educational book for educators. In his bulletin Fox asks each state chairman to send in any information on circuses, owners, etc., who live in their state. The book "The Circus - A Tool for Teaching" will be compiled by the Educational Dept. of Ringling-Barnum. Wonder if this is a result of the slide presentation made by JACK PAINTER, an engineer professor at Louisiana Tech, at the '76 Dallas Convention. The demonstration of how the circus helps him teach his classes was most impressive.

The fall season is on its way and now the circus must compete with football and the world ser-

Export of Bobcat pelts has been banned by the Federal government. The ban was issued by the Endangered Species Scientific Authority, as a means of protecting the animal.

ies, plus the annual fair season in the south. But to us Southerners the circus is a part of the harvesting season. Those interested in Cole Bros. Circus should read JOE BRADBURY's excellent article in the Bandwagon, a report of the 1942 season. This reporter was especially interested as he enlisted in the Air Force and didn't see another circus until after his World War II return in 1946. The "Bandwagon" for July-Aug. 1977 is available for \$2.40 by writing to: Fred Pfening, 2515 Dorset Road, Columbus, Ohio 43221.

Speaking of the above Cole Bros. the show only made two stands in Louisiana that year. Oct. 8 at Lake Charles and Oct. 9 at Monroe. If I had known that I could have delayed my enlistment for a month and thus enjoyed the show. But, such is life.

Well, Barbara, the Carson & Barnes did it once again. For the second time in three weeks she ran off from the show lot leaving a trail of damage and concern. "Everyone was chasing her and that made it worse," said circus owner D. R. Miller.

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Venio Venito's sword act and Carol's Egyptian Feathered Fantasy recently completed a three week tour with Jimmy Dixon's Magic Circus. Pat and Mary Bissonette are vacationing in Minnesota.

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The mother, Mrs. Dennis Reed, is the daughter of John and Shirley Gutierrez. Mrs. Reed is the former Alicia Gutierrez and is married to Dr. Dennis Reed who has the Dublin Veterinarian Clinic at Dublin, Texas.

Alicia's maternal grandfather was the late (Big) Bob Stevens who had operated Bailey Bros. and Robbins Bros. circuses. Her other grandfather had his own show, The Gutierrez Circus, which was on the road for many years. Her father, John Gutierrez, is with the Dallas Symphony.

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WILLIAM (Whitey) SUTTON (72) well-known side show operator who spent more than 50 years in show business, died at Clearfield, Pa., on Aug. 16th. For the past several years his side show was with the James E. Strates Show. Survivors include his wife, Elsie, daughters, Kathleen Smith, Alice Disharoon and Wilma Kennedy and sons Thomas and Blair. Burial was in Tampa, Fla.

A CIRCUS WEEK

The Dobritch Int'l Circus, appearing at Wayne (Detroit) Mich., on Sept. 23-26 featured: Lilli Ana's Leopards; Prince Najvez, aerial; Vashek and Kathy, high wire; The Martins, teeterboard; Baby Dondi, elephant; The Fulbrights, horse and ponies; The Apollos, aerial; Great Vashek, inclined wire; and the Flying Rauls.

The circus was produced by Sandy Dobritch who also handled the announcing chores. Ring curbs and lighting were furnished by Circus Creations with Vern Woerner in charge of the lighting. The show worked under a 150x300 ft. big top from Florida Tent Rental, with Walt Davis, supt. The show's organist was Richard Rosio.

BILLY BARTON (Continued)

riott's Great American Park (near Chicago) and writes that recent visitors to Sells & Gray included DOREY MILLER and East Indian elephant trainer SING who was reunited with his old friend BESSIE. He and the elephant came to this country from India together when they were both "punks".....One of the funniest sights I've ever seen is TOMMY HANNEFORD riding a bicycle.

WHAT NEXT: Passing a Connecticut truck stop I saw a Carry set-up and operating on the parking lot!...The MEDRO BOYS have been working on their own this season.....JIMMY DOUGLASS is touring this fall with Circus Carol.....GASLIGHT VILLAGE featured an Antique Car Collection of which GRETA GARBO's Dusenbergs was the main attention-grabber. Months ago I reported the great recluse-star was in ill-health. I am happy to report friends in Manhattan saw and chatted with Garbo and she is no fine.

JO ANN JENNIER's new seal cart for her precocious seal, **SUNNY**, has been dubbed "Sunny's Express" and is emblazoned with the following slogan: CENTER RING OR BUST!

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PEOPLE

SUSAN BLAKELY has been signed as ringmaster for the Second Annual Circus of Stars set for taping by CBS-TV on Oct. 7-9.

KAY ROSAIRE and her lions will join Circus Vargas in New York City next month.

STEVE McPEAK, BRETT SHOCKLEY and STEVE SMOCK were among the professional entertainers who attended the National Unicycle Meet at Marion, Ohio, on Aug. 20-21.

THE GREAT WALLENDAS were featured at Rocky Point Park (R.I.) the week of Aug. 28-Sept. 5, for the last show of the season.

VICKI TAYLOR, femme vent act, played the Great Rhinebeck (NY) Fair for Better Booking of Boston.

THE BUMPY FAMILY worked at Rochester (NY) on Sept. 10th for GEORGE HUBLER.

PRINCE NAJVEZ played the New England Harness Raceway at Foxboro, Mass., on Labor Day Weekend, booked by LEO GRUND

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STAGG McMANN, harmonica artist, was one of the first acts booked into Old Chicago when it opened. He stayed there for 40 weeks.

RAY MERRILL, TOM KULBABSKY, RAY LaROUCHE and RED CHALTON (CFA's) were guests of Simpson Animal Park (Brunswick, Me.) owners GUS, URSULA and DON LOUBKE over Labor Day. The show features a bear act presented by Gus, leopard and cougar act presented by HUGO MARQUARDT and juggling by Gus, Ursula and Don.

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The Great Vashek, wire walk; the Plunkett Family, comedy trampoline; Carol Wainwright, trapeze; Lilli-Ana's Leopards; Walt King's elephants and mixed animals; Burger's chimps and dogs and ponies; the Vashek Duo, aerial motorcycle; Christopher James, tightwire; Prince Najvez, aerialist, plus a group of clowns, musical director and announcer who are still to be announced.

PEOPLE

MARC SCHULTZ is now working as an artist's representative in his father's office at 2525 W. Peterson Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60659. Newest act on his growing list of circus attractions is HAL HAVILAND's Dog & Pony Comedy Act. Hal recently left the Strates Carnival to help a friend train thorobred race horses at Erie, Pa.

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The circus did not appeal the assessment on the property it owns in Venice, saying the land is fully utilized and the \$47,000 value for the land established by the property appraiser is correct.

Crabtree, however, argues that Sarasota Circuit Judge Lynn Silvertooth's decision last year that Ringling property was not permanently located in the county and the tax should only be an apportionment of the number of days in the county indicates the position the board should take on the appeal.

Mikos' attorney says that since the ruling by Silvertooth is on an appeal, it is not binding and should not be accepted as permanent.

Crabtree objects to a 25% penalty on the assessment, placed by Mikos, because the circus filed its return in Tallahassee under the central assessment for private trains. He said the penalty was "absurd . . . one of the most offensive type things I've seen." Later Mikos agreed to drop the penalty.

According to Crabtree Mikos is using the Ringling assessments to inflate the tax roll and said the courts have decided the trains should not be assessed by the county.

In the meantime arguments continue by both sides and the Board says it does not have the power to remove property from the tax roll, but simply to grant exemptions from being taxed. Even if the property is granted a 100% exemption, said one official, it must remain on the tax rolls.

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The attack occurred when the youngster and his family stopped at the small zoo, where the boy was being photographed with the bear.

Show Acts

Acts appearing with Bob Snowden's Int'l Cavalcade of Stars at Wilmington, Del., on Sept. 10th were: Burger's dogs and ponies and chimps, Barry's comedy trapeze, Scalzo, magic, Billy Martin, rola bola, Bill Brickle, poodles and clown routines, Norman Miller, aerial, Gorgo, Gorgo & Co., gorilla parody.

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Animaland Park

Paid a visit to King's Animaland Park in Richmond, Mich., on Sept. 3rd and really had a nice day. The park is arranged in a Bavarian style theme and has 14 major and kiddie rides. Some of the rides were made by the King Amusement Co. of Mt. Clemens, Mich, which Walt's father owned until just recently. Mr. Walter O. King, Sr. is still around and plays an active role in the park's success.

During the day, three shows are presented for the public. A puppet show is given at 1 p.m. by Bill and Chris King, the owner's sons. At 2 p.m. in an open air arena, the circus animal show is presented. This show features:

1 - The Les Yoxall Family with their Merry Menagerie of two pigs, a dog, goat and pony. A very different type of act.

2 - Omar, the camel, worked by Bill King doing a high school routine, bow and a pirouette on a pedestal.

3 - Christopher King with "Queenie" in a single elephant routine. The unique thing here is she plays the harmonica and the fact that Chris is only 12 years old, and working a 4,000 lb elephant.

4 - The Finale - Lawrence Grant working 8 lions lionesses in a specially constructed arena. He does the fire hoop with all the cats. He has two cats on mirrored balls and also has them jumping overhead, etc.

The last show of the day, at 3 p.m., is the magic show, also put on by Bill and Chris King. They do the Doll House, Suspended Girl and Girl in 6 Parts.

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PEOPLE

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The park has a large picnic area and ball diamond and nearby is the Animaland Zoo. This is catered to the kids as the animals here are all the friendly kind - goats, sheep, chickens, ponies, llamas, they're all there. Over 200 of them.

In the center of the park is the large barn where Walt keeps his elephants - Tulsa, Queenie and Wanda, when they aren't out on circus dates. Incidentally, Walt and Barbara recently completed a date at the Ohio State Fair with the Ringling-Barnum Thrill Circus.

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Ringling Thrill Unit

A Variety review of the Ringling-Barnum Thrill Circus, presented at the Ohio State Fair, calls the show "one of the most successful" ever brought into the fair. In the one week presentation, Variety adds, "more than 2,600,000 attended the layout" with the show playing to SRO crowds of 40,000 for each of the three daily performances.

According to the report the circus is in the fair business and Ohio's Gov. Rhodes has already renewed the operation for next year. The circus owners are already making plans to produce similar shows at other fairs.

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