



8th Year

August 27, 1979

Number 35

Roof falls in

The roof of a multi-purpose stadium under construction near Chicago's O'Hare Airport collapsed on Aug. 13th, killing five people and injuring several others. Witnesses said that just moments before the accident a low flying jet plane had passed over the construction site.

The accident occurred about 8:30 a.m. and some 100 workmen were reportedly at the scene. Several workers were trapped under debris and were later freed. One man who was on the roof survived the fall with only minor injuries.

The four story high building was designed for use by circuses, sporting events and business meetings. It was built to provide seating for 19,400 people.

One witness said the stadium started to shake as the plane roared overhead "and just like dominoes everything went down."

An architect connected with the firm that designed the building said "it's very wild and very premature" to speculate on whether the plane triggered the roof to collapse.

Robert Andrews, assistant manager at the nearby Sheraton O'Hare Hotel said the entire roof of the stadium

had fallen in. "The whole roof fell in at the center and broke off from the supports to the concrete wall," he said.

The curved roof was partially completed and most of it was being held up by wooden beams. A portion of the roof was covered over.

A few days after the accident and following a preliminary investigation Howard White, an engineer for OSHA

said "gust cycles" of wind could have caused the roof to collapse.

He speculated that wind gusts may have pushed up under that portion of the roof covered with decking and thus could have weakened the beams that span the building. That could have put pressure on bolts connecting the spans to concrete buttresses snapping the bolts and thus causing the

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Engaged

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They plan to spend their honeymoon in Australia and New Zealand.

Naomi is a stewardess for a major airline. Her parents live in Southern California where they have a cattle ranch.

Charles Germaine is a prominent circus and show producer/promoter who lives in Oregon. He started the Miller Johnson Circus in 1969, developing it into a major circus operation, then later sold it to Clifford Vargas who renamed the show 'Circus Vargas'. He currently produces stage and variety shows featuring such stars as Frank Sinatra, Jr., the Kingston Trio and other top name performers.

JOHNNY ZOPPE

JOHNNY ZOPPE, Sr. became ill while on the Gagini Circus in Canada and was hospitalized briefly in Utica, N.Y. He is recuperating at the home of his wife's sister in that city.

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SPECIAL

... by Willa Levolo

The Farm of Laura Stevens, near Alamo, Texas, is a favorite retreat for many outdoor show people. John Howard, retired side show impresario, has permanently moved his living trailer to the farm. John loaned his bus to Troy "Bill" Fitch, side show performer and his new bride. Mrs. Fitch, subject to epileptic seizures fell against a TV set that exploded and ignited the bus. Mrs. Fitch was literally burned alive.

According to a letter just received from Dr. Bob Immel, of the Annie Oakley Ring, CMB, (Massilon, Oh.) he has a macabre relic from Circusdom's most tragic street accident. On July 16, 1896, the Buffalo Bill show was parading in his city when the band wagon went under a low railroad overhead that crushed and killed many of the circus musicians. Dr. Immel has a piece of the bass drum that was on the wagon.

Several friends have asked about the Acker Dog & Pony Circus that predated the Gentry Bros. Show out of the same town, Bloomington, Ill. More than 50 yrs. ago Marquis met Len Acker who was operating a theatre in Halifax, N.S. I think he was a son of the circus owner.

Recently got a letter from Freida de Marlowe, living in retirement at Walton, NY. She says in the letter "I am probably the only surviving performer of the year (1919) the Ringling and Barnum shows combined."

What a co-incidence, when Freida's letter arrived Abe Goldstein and his wife were having lunch at our home, and Abe was one of the more than 40 clowns on the show in 1919.

Phil Morris and his wife, Amy, recently visited the Marquis-Levolo Hollywood home. They were enroute to a Costumer's Convention in San Diego.

Paul Royter, magician, week-ended with us when in Tinseltown on business. Don McMillon is his new advance agent.

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weddings

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Among the jugglers who attended the reception were: Ja Ja, Valdez, Duo, Kris Kremmo, El Gran Picasso, and John McPeak.

Suit Filed

The producers and author of the hit Broadway play "The Elephant Man" have filed a suit in Federal court in New York to stop Mel Brooks from producing a motion picture by the same name.

In papers filed in U. S. District Court in Manhattan, the Elephant Man Co. and playwright **Bernard Pomerance** charged that Brooks was capitalizing on the favorable publicity given their award-winning play.

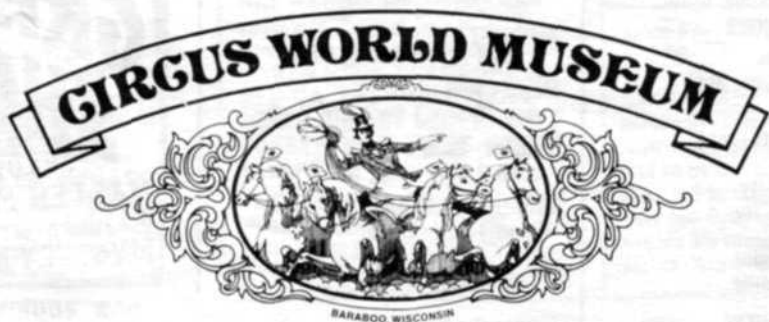
"The Elephant Man" is a dramatic play based on the life of John Merrick, a deformed man who, with the compassionate assistance of an English doctor, rose from working as a circus freak to become one of the darlings of Victorian society.

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Aug. 27 Kankakee, Ill.
28 Chanute AFB
29 Attica, Ind.
30 Logansport
Sep. 1 Hartford City

Circus Genoa

Aug. 25 Rapid City, SD

Circus Vargas

Aug. 28-30 Ft. Collins, Colo.
31-Sep. 2 Aurora

Dobritch Int'l Circus

Aug 31-Sep 3 Wayne, Mich.

Great American Circus

Aug. 27 Ocean City, NJ
28 Cape May
29 Sea Isle City
30 Atlantic City
31 Minotola

Sep. 1 Somers Point
2 Browns Mills

Hanneford Aerial Circus

to Sep. 3 St. Paul, Minn.

Tommy Hanneford Circus

to Sept. 23 Middletown, Ohio

Happytime Circus

to Sept. 4 Sacramento, Calif.

Int'l All Star Circus

Aug. 27 Richmond, Va.
28 Hampton
29 Virginia Beach
30 Franklin
31 Ahoskie, NC

Sep. 1 Beaufort
2 Williamston

Kelly Bros. Circus

Sept. 1 Marion, Ind.

Emmett Kelly, Jr. Circus

to Sept. 3 Du Quoin, Ill.
Syracuse, NY

Lin-Rich Animal Circus

Aug 28-Sep 1 Morgantown, W. Va

Ringling-Barnum - Blue Unit

Aug. 28-29 Omaha, Nebr.

Ringling-Barnum - Red Unit

Aug 30-Sep 3 San Francisco, Calif

Royal Danish Circus

Sept. 1-3 Woodstock, Conn.

Royal Lichtenstein Circus

Aug 29-Sep 3 Sacramento, Calif

TNT & Royal Olympic Circus

Aug 29-Sep 2 Florence, Ky.

---- MAGIC ----

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Aug. 27 Jackson, Tenn.

Jamboree of Magic

Aug 31-Sep. 3 Salem, Mass.

Magic Convention

Aug 30-Sep. 1 Spokane, Wash.

Manzini - Escape Artist

Sept. 2 New York, NY

Tom Ogden - Magician

Sept. 1 Milford, Pa.

Reams the Magician

Aug 28-Sept. 1 Columbia, SC

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Aug. 27 Levelland, Texas
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Aug 31-Sep. 2 San Antonio, Texas

---- OTHER DATES ----

Century 21 Shows - Blue Unit

Aug 29-Sept 3 Topeka, Kans.

Century 21 Shows - Red Unit

Aug 31-Sep 8 Chattanooga, Tenn

James H. Drew Exposition

Aug 27-Sep 1 Gap, Va.

The Gutis Family - Comedy Act

Aug 31-Sep. 3 Wayne, Mich.

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to Sept. 2 Lincoln, NH

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Aug 31-Sept. 2 El Paso, Texas

Mighty Thomas Shows

Aug 28-Sep 3 Huron, SD

Royal American Shows

to Sept. 3 St. Paul, Minn.

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Billy Barton

LINDA KIMES with Nordmark's All Star had a brick thrown through her windshield by a deranged young man, who, when police captured him, claimed the "Lord" had told him to stop people from wasting gas!

A RETURN visit to the Clyde Beatty Circus at the end of July sees many improvements in a show that is obviously making many face-lifting changes. Certainly this is the best edition of that circus I have seen since I've been writing my column (nearly 5 yrs). The show has been doing consistent business, keeping at a profit-making level; in other words no stand has been a loser and with new front end people the general opinion is the big tent will come off the road a winner.

While all stands have been good, New Bedford (Mass) was sensational with packed and jammed houses at every performance, closing with a turnover. Frankly I am happy to see a show in these unsettled times experiencing a profitable tour. There are rumors the show may return to rails because of the expense of moving it twice a week. Thoughts are the twice a week rail moves would be less expensive than is gas which is bound to go to \$2.00 a gallon in the next year or so. For the first time I'm inclined to agree. A return to rails for the country as a whole would certainly not be a bad idea. It's a great deal more comfortable riding a train than it is riding a bus. Ask anyone who's made a long journey by one. At least the old trains had sleepers and dining cars and room to get up and walk around, not to mention club and gaming cars!

The new track lighting installed on the Beatty show is a good idea, but the lighting, as now fashioned, is worthless. All that's accomplished is a string of lantern-type decorations creating an old-fashioned gas-light effect. The idea

is praiseworthy, but why - using the same effect - aren't these bulbs made to shine down on the track? Now the lights only shine period, and being covered by a reflector or whatever (with the bulb facing up) neither the big top nor the track is lighted. In other words the lights are just there. Turn the bulbs around, Mr. Electrician and focus them down on the track. Gas is being wasted generating electricity for a lighting effect that is pretty but not very practical.

The major surprise in this year's show is 12 year old MARTIN ALVAREZ's perfectly executed triple somersault. This lad is ready to do a three-and-a-half. He doesn't end up in the catcher's hand but high up in DWAYNE PIT- TINGER's arms. I have seen many kid performers but this youngster is one of the rare ones - he flies like an adult, with poise and form and STRENGTH. Not only that, his body is well-shaped, none of those long gawky arms and legs. Moreover he has panache! Heaps of it. Look for this pre-teenager to become one of the world's most famous flyers in a few years to come. Inasmuch as the flying act is set to return in 1980 I'd advise its Publicity Dept., to start an all-out hype via the media and nationwide efforts and begin to feature this sensational young flyer!

It saddens me to report that Col. TREVOR BALE is a very sick man. His recent hospital stay elicited no diagnoses, he has been losing blood, and the jolting of driving a ten-speed tractor is taking its toll. Bonnie and Gloria are worried to death about their father and so too are all of the performers. During Trevor's hospitalization a substitute driver was used and, by not watching the water gauge, blew up the truck motor. A different tractor was acquired but Bonnie is unable to drive a ten-speed. They are desperately

looking for another truck so Trevor may be sent home to recuperate. I certainly hope they've been successful by the time this column sees print. And I wish Trevor God Speed in returning to health and extend a public thanks to those many people on the show watching out for him including JOHNNY WELDE who keeps his light plant on all night so that Trevor may be comfortable with air conditioning in this intense hot weather.

Well, it's mid-season rumor time again and boy, do I have them this week! The first is BAUMANN will go to Circus World in 1980 and URSULA BOTTCHEER will return to the Blue Unit. Biggest rumor is, of course, that the TITO GAONA FLYERS will not be with RBBB but will go to Europe! Other rumors are that CHI CHI CANESTRELLI headed to Vegas to buy an elephant for the Atayde Circus from JENDA SMAHA.

SNAPSHOTS: The URIAS TROUPE transferred from the Red to Blue Unit. . . Beatty-Cole getting a new top. . . PAT ANTHONY replaced KAY RO-SAIRE on a Gatini unit when she lost most of her lions. . . WELDE's Bears showing off all new costuming. . . SUSAN (of Susan and Cemon) doesn't have an Airstream she has a traveling greenhouse - never saw so many plants of varying shapes and sizes in my life. . . JIMMY JAMES still feeling "tired" after his recent operation, but looks well and healthy. . . LOIS HOOVER back on the show after a trip to Florida. . . RON & JOY HOLIDAY were super-sensations at the Edmonton (Albta) Fair where they walked away with all the reviews. This time the Dynamite Duet did not have problems with permits for their animals. . . THE STUPIDS, great comedy act at the Dunes, is reduced from six to

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ACTS

Some acts appearing on Bozo's Circus TV Show in Chicago in recent weeks have been Cheri, The Van Noys, Mac McDermott's Cold Nose Five, Gina Medro, Angela Wilnow's Collies and the Luvas Family.

Appearing on the stage show of the Bayview Centennial in Milwaukee in July were The Van Noys, comedy bicycles; The Dimwits, slapstick; The Kolmedys, balancing; The Great Andre, magic; Chase & Park & Co., comedy trampoline; The Olmedas, bicycles, and The Mariah Troupe, musical attraction.

The L. N. Fleckles Office produced the Shrine Circuses in Mendota and Rockford, Ill. in late July. The line-up included: The LeMoyné Troupe, Irving Hall's comedy bike; Francarro & Estrelita; The Navarros; Hall's Baboons; the Franconi Duo; The Flying Expanas; Walt King's elephants and mixed animal act; The Berons, The Argentinos, perch; Miss Tina and Ernie McLean, announcer.

REPORT

FRANZEN BROS. CIRCUS

... by Edith Johnston

When Franzen Bros. Circus played the small mid-western town of Sheldon, Ill., on Aug. 3rd, they had the honor of being the first circus to ever play there. They were sponsored by the local Firemen's Association, and two shows were given, at 4:30 and 8 p.m. with straw houses for both shows.

Franzen Bros. Circus, owned and produced by Wayne and Kathy Franzen, have a new two center pole tent, using 12 quarter poles. The one ring has been enlarged.

Several innovations have been added this year. Paul Niebauer, wearing formal ringmaster attire, top hat, tails and white gloves, does a superb job of being the ringmaster. Phil Shear is very creative on the organ with cues for acts.

The red back curtain is decorated with mirrored designs and adds sparkle to the show. At the entrance to the big top, Ken and Emma Anderson, concessionaires, are attractive in red and white striped coats and straw Panama hats with red, white and blue striped bands. The novelty stand was very colorful and attractively displayed and sold by Ed Freeman, booking agent.

The performance has a new look with new acts and colorful wardrobe and girls. Featured are: Tina Brown, web and trapeze; Joanne Craigmile, liberty goats; Brian Grieser, Tonto; Joanne assists Brian with the camel and llama wearing beautiful red velvet blankets with gold trim.

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PEOPLE

REX HORTON's Wonder Bears and THE WALTENS, balancing act, are appearing on the outdoor stage at Gaslight Village in New York, while RON URBAN's Ice Revue performs at the Opera House.

PATRICK BURDEN, Kansas' Own State Bozo the Clown, participated in the Sedan (Kans) County Fair Parade on Aug. 3rd. He carried a banner announcing National Clown Week Aug. 1-7.

The crowd pleaser is Brian Franzen, 4½ yrs old, working Cecil, a Sicilian donkey; 3 expertly trained dogs, have new tricks and flashy finish; Wayne Franzen with 12 liberty horses.

The backyard is kept neat and trim. The animals are well groomed and the show grows better each year.

Circus Personnel are: Wayne and Kathy Franzen, plus Brian and Chad; Paul Niebauer; Phil Shear; Ed Freeman; Brian Grieser; Joanne Craigmile; Ken and Emma Anderson; Curtis Kid Cainan.

Visitors included: Robert Phebus, Joe and Pat Wilhauck. Shrimp and Gersh Johnston held open house at their home for this special circus day.

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As time goes by we miss you more,
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No one can fill your vacant place.

Sadly missed by wife Pamela, daughter Leesa, son Jack and daughter-in-law Patti

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SPECIAL

... by Marjorie J. Hackett

This is circus fan and circus news from Minnesota by way of Florida. I had to make a quick flying trip to Minneapolis when my Mother (who will be 90 on her next birthday) went into a Church home and it became necessary for my daughter and son-in-law to clean out her apartment, etc.

A call to Helen and Fred Berger, CFA and members of the Adam Forepaugh Top No. 8, informed me that on July 15th the group were going to the new Burnsville-Crosstown Shopping Mall to see TNT & Royal Olympic Circus and then gather at the Dannen Drive home of member Bob Zabel in the Golden Valley for a picnic and short meeting with guests being the performers from the circus.

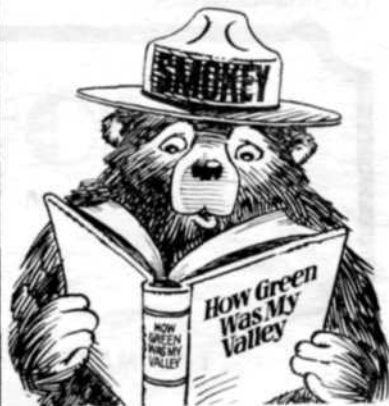
Daughter Jean Jones and I drove into Minneapolis for lunch at Fred Bergers and then we went to the circus where Lenny Pink (long-time circus drummer) and wife, Tillie stopped by for a

quick "Hello".

It was our first chance to see this lovely little show which was being presented as a free attraction in the mall, although we had read a lot about it in various publications. California based, they tour for six months of the year.

The members of the Top helped tear down and load the show, then drove to Zabels where the following folks enjoyed a sumptuous picnic buffett.

(From Minnesota): Fred, Helen, Linda and Mark Berger; Jean Jones; Gordon and Shirley Wheeler, with son Philip and wife Ann (Phillip, piano, Helen, organ, Eleanor, calliope in the backyard, provided music); Gary and Elinor Davison; Tim, Linda and baby Aaron Davison (Tim and Linda now own our former home); Mr. and Mrs. Pat Bissonette; Jerry and Irene Kirsch and sons; Franklin J. Haaley; Pat and Gwen Davison, (with TNT Circus); Bill Seifert; Jose Cole and son Jeff; Bill Goulding; Marilyn and Don Roehlen; (From Florida) Marjorie Hackett; (From New York) Brenda Gallo-way (with TNT Circus), and Earl and



Louise Tegge with son Tim.

The Adam Forepaugh Top lost two members when Wally Roers and Harry Dahlquist, both of Minneapolis, passed on. Harry was a long-time member and chairman of the Zuhruh Temple Shrine Circus, at Minneapolis. We held a silent prayer for these departed friends and a short business meeting, conducted by Gary Davison.

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Show Report

GREAT AMERICAN CIRCUS

..... by Bill Galloway

Hoxie's Great American Circus played Newark, NY, on July 28th. The crowd was fair, considering the extremely hot weather and a thunder shower which occurred between shows.

A number of visitors were on the lot including: Jimmy Cole's grand-daughter Julie, Harry and Ann Martin, Erv and Florence Lange, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Horsman.

When the show played Endicott, Tex Maynard sat in to play the drums. The show received its new big top in May. It is an 80 ft. round with two 30's and one 40 ft. middle section. The midway has a snake show and

an ape show.

The program features: Spec with all performers; Juggling display with the Bobbi Lane Duo, Mike Kohlriser, Don Marie Duo and Billy Martin & Co.; Miss Beth, low wire; Color Book sale; Kohl's Dog Pound Revue; Texas Don Strong and Betty, ropes and whips; The Acro-Brats, trampoline; Clowns with Tug-O-War; Miss Margo, one finger stand; Swinging ladders with Beth and Vickie; Peanut Pitch; Elephants presented by Joe Frisco and Beth; Intermission; Mike Kohlriser, unicycle; Miss Beth and Miss Vickie, aerial ballet; Dick Kohlriser with a Mixed Animal display along with Mike Kohlriser and Robbie Lange; Clowns with the Camera gag; Gorilla Parody of Mongo-Bongo & Co.; Princess Yoshi, hair hang.

Clown Alley includes Buck Nolan, Jose Diaz, and David Lange.

The show's staff consists of: Jim Silverlake, general manager; Marilyn Silverlake, office manager; Hoxie Tucker, owner; Billy Martin, announcer/performance director; Dave Miller, organist; Dickie Palmer, concessions; Joe Frisco, Jr., elephants; Rene, cookhouse; Enoch Brafford, big top boss; Jose Diaz, electrician; Raoul, prop boss; Leslie Pennington, snake show; Don Pennington, mechanic and Dick McAllister, 24 hour man.

JOHNNY FULGHUM recently visited Roberts Bros. Circus and reports BOB EARL and family keep busy. The show is moving on 8 rigs and has a 4 pole big top, with three rings.

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NAMES in the NEWS

BARBARA TATA recently received a Endangered Species Permit for her 6 year old elephant 'Lulu'. She appeared on Canada's TV show 'Circus' then went to the Canadian National Exposition. Also working at the Expo are **BUCKY STEELE** and his son **BOB**, and daughter **CHERRILEE**.

EDDIE HOWE, former Ringling press agent and currently with Columbia Pictures, visited friends on RBBB's Red Unit during that show's dates in Southern California.

KEN GRIFFIN, magician, has been made an Honorary Member of the Alaskan Magic Society. Ken is work-

ing dates there and reports he visited with **MIKE WONG**, **DAVID HOY** as well as **PIET** and **ALEXANDRIA PAULO**.

TONY BAUMANN has been working at the California State Fair in Sacramento with his Monkey and Organ.

MILONGA CLINE has returned to her home in Florida after spending the summer months with her daughter in Baraboo, Wisc.

JOE SCHMITT, Jr., is one of several joeys who are touring with Circus Vargas this season.

JUDY NIGHTINGALE, aerialist with RBBB's Red Unit, is currently working with the act called "Duo Evelyn" She replaced **EVA TAKACS** who was

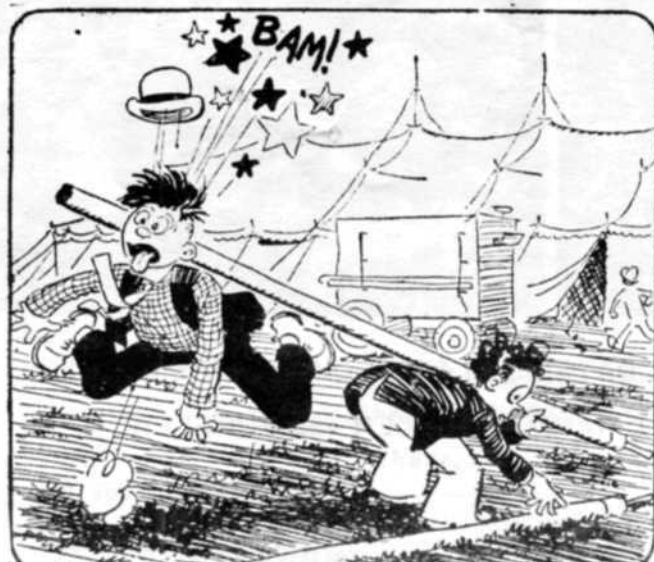
injured in a fall earlier in the year.

JOHN MCGINN, of Prescott, Ariz., is spear-heading a drive to organize a CFA tent that will be named for **BIG JOHN STRONG**.

BARRIE SLOAN and his son **KING** have been touring with Circus Knie. King has returned to Florida where he attends Sarasota High School and is a part of the Sailor Circus.

HAL HAVILAND will leave Fantasy Farm at Lincoln, N.H., on Labor Day completing a 17½ week booking at the White Mountain resort park, where he appeared with his dog act and trick pony. The booking was arranged by "Doc" Damon Agency of Merrimack (NH).

WASHINGTON TUBBS II



Flash!

TINA GEBEL, daughter of the super star Gunther Gebel-Williams, suffered bruises when she fell from an elephant and struck her head on a ring curb during a performance of the RBBB Red Unit at Anaheim, Calif., on Aug. 7th.

Witnesses said Miss Gebel was swinging by a harness from the head of an elephant which was spinning around when apparently the harness broke. Miss Gebel struck the floor and then skidded into the ring curb.



TIMO, the Magic Clown, worked the June 19-23 fair at Anderson, Calif.

BILL KARLTON, of Richmond, Va. has two magic shows and "Fantasy on Ice" out on tour. Featured with the latter show is juggler JOEY JORDAN.

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KARL THEUERKAUF, of Nova Scotia, reports he recently visited with the AMAZING CONKLINS, BILL McCLORY and AL STENCIL, of the Martin & Downs Circus. He also visited LEONARDO who is working in the area with his Hypnotic Show.

HENRY WINKLER, JIMMY STEWART, MONTY HALL, EVA GABOR, MILLISSA and JONATHAN GILBERT, O. J. SIMPSON, DICK SARGENT, PAT O'BRIEN and the 'Eight Is Enough' family, along with ROBERT CONRAD (Honorary Ring master) took part in the RBBB Red Unit's "Project Hope" show in Southern California.

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HOTLINE

Authorities in Southern California have fined the Ringling-Barnum Circus (Red Unit) after charges were filed protesting the show's allowing Wally Naghtin, Jr. to work in the bear act.

Circus officials plan to take their protest to court and fight the charges.

PEOPLE

DON BRIDWELL (Whizzer the Clown) was the subject of a front page photo story in the Northland News of Columbus, Ohio, on Aug. 8.

In Memoriam

PAUL B. ROTHGEB (62) died on Aug. 4th at Prince George's General Hospital in Cheverly, Md. He was general manager of the old Uline Arena in Washington, DC from 1946 until the early 50's. In this post he was one of the youngest arena managers in the country. During this period, a major Uline attraction was the Shrine-sponsored Hamid-Morton Circus.

In 1958, the old Uline, attached to Mike Uline's ice plant, was sold and renamed the Washington Coliseum and Paul Rothgeb was appointed general manager; his tenure there lasted about six years. Somewhere in this period, Ringling-Barnum began using the building, staying until newer suburban facilities became available.

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... by Clarence Hastings

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Emmett Kelly, Jr. Circus - Louisville State Fair (Aug. 9-18): Vashek Duo, aerial motorcycle; Great Vashek, inclined wire walk; The Knops, double perch; Christini, trapeze; The Christanos, acro-balancing.

Emmett Kelly, Jr. Circus - Du Quoin, Ill. State Fair (Aug. 24-Sept. 3): The Knops, double perch; Christini, trapeze; The Christanos, acro-balancing and Cimse's Russian Wolfhounds and Pomeranians.

Emmett Kelly, Jr. Circus - Syracuse State Fair (Aug. 25-Sept. 3): Hans Winn Troupe, aerial motorcycle and trap; Winn Bros., inclined wire walk and Michelle, slide for life.

New Jersey Outdoor Show (Sept. 8) Zippy, the TV Chimp.

PEOPLE

WALLY LEE and LINDA, magic/illusion act will be working dates in the Pacific Northwest next month.

THE DOLLY SISTERS, cradle act, has been signed to make the Texas dates late this year.

BOBBY KAYE has moved to a new home. His address is: 38 Alboni Way, Long Beach, Calif.

DOLLY JACOBS is working in the Farfan Flying act as well as doing her solo turn on the Roman rings on the Ringling Red Unit.

BILL GALLOWAY and wife BEV recently visited with JIMMY HALL, WADE BURCK and LOU REGAN at Marineland, Niagara Falls, Canada. Later they visited JANET and FRANK BURGER at Fantasy Island (NY).

JERRY BOOKER took his Horse Faire Show to Sacramento, Calif., after completing a successful two week engagement in San Mateo.

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CARL LINARES and his Poodles are working at Sandusky, Ohio, in the Jungle Larry Show.

CONNIE STEVENS, her mother and daughter, were photographed by Enquirer as they watched a performance of the Ringling Red Unit at Inglewood, Calif.

TIM COONEY has been visiting show friends with the Ringling Red Unit in Southern California. He reports that GUNTHER GEBEL WILLIAMS has

added two 1½ year old African female elephants to his herd.

ED WIDAMAN, GLEN HENRY, JOHNNY and SHIRLEY GUITERREZ, PEGGY and JOE ZOPPE, FUZZ PLUNKETT, WHITEY HALEY, PEGGY and MAC MacDONALD, BUCKY STEELE and JACK RYAN visited the Ringling Blue Unit at various dates in Texas.

SPENCER STINE and daughter BETTY, along with DONNA STEELE worked the Orange County (Va) Fair Aug. 3-4 with their Novelty and Floss joints. JOHNNY FULGHUM visited while booking a magic show in the area.

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**PERU CIRCUS FESTIVAL**

... by Agnes W. King

The annual Peru Circus City Festival seemed to have the usual large crowd in spite of gasoline shortages and the general economic situation. The circus was well attended, and I think the crowd for the Saturday morning parade was the largest this writer has ever seen, and she has seen all of the parades.

The Cheerful Gardener Tent, No. 107, CFA, again hosted a dinner on Saturday evening. Although there were not a great crowd at this banquet, it was enjoyed by all. The main entertainment was provided by Warren Harding of Peru and his monkey Chico. Chico really knew how to get the applause.

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BETTY ROSAIRE rejoined her family on the Castle show, fully recovered after her recent surgery, thanks to the good care given her by daughters **KAY** and **LINDA**.

JACK and **PATTI COOK** finished their Western Canada tour for **Walter** and **Bill Williams** on Aug. 8th. Patti was also doing a featured dance number on the show. On Aug. 11th they worked the CNE at Toronto where **PAM** and **LEESA COOK** visited, along with

The old-time film of **Chad Hanna** was shown in Memory of **Bob King**, who was an ardent supporter of the Peru Festival.

Patti's parents, **FRANK** and **GRACE VIVERITO**, as well as brother **MIKE**.

BILL BRICKLE and his Poodle **Revue** recently filmed a segment of Canada's TV show 'Circus' in Montreal.

JUNE DEWSBURY is looking forward to moving into her own apartment in New York, a welcome change after her long stay in the Goldwater Hospital.

BOB-O The Clown appeared with the **Carden-Johnson Circus** in Reno this month, shortly after having had a Pacemaker implanted in his chest.

BILL KORMPATES, high act performer, was elected and installed as 3rd Lt. Cmdr. of the Shrine's Legion of Honor at the South Eastern Shrine Association meeting in New Orleans.

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Show Report**TNT & ROYAL OLYMPIC**

... by Col. Bill Voorheis

Earl Tegge brought his TNT & Royal Olympic Circus to Saginaw, Mich. for the Fashion Square Mall, where the writer visited the show and was well received by all acts and management.

I must say I was impressed by the compactness and excellent equipment shown on the show.

Earl Tegge proved he is an excellent showman and showed good taste in the acts displayed. Pat Davison is a modest fellow, whose literature simply states he is "The World's Greatest Juggler" and after viewing him for two different performances, I'm not so sure he is wrong. At any rate it was an excellent well-rounded 30 minute show and was well received

by the patrons of the Mall. Crowds were good and applause was plentiful.

Earl's son "Twinkles" is an inspiration to watch. He works hard, and in addition to numerous other chores he does several excellent clown spots and doubles at playing the drums for the show. He is a fine drummer, even though he holds the sticks incorrectly, according to us "oldtimers".

The team of Grinn & Barrett does a super job and I would covet them for some dates on my show in the future. The perch act, whose name I did not catch was equally well received. I was particularly impressed with this small shopping center show, which was well groomed, well rehearsed and more than friendly to the audiences.

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BILLY BARTON (Continued)

five members. . . The DeWayne Bros Circus used as background for the new BOBBY BENSON mystery-starrer, released thru Warner Bros. called "Die Laughing". . . JO ANN JENNIER serious about axing the business and has already held one major conference about training sea lions in a permanent Eastern facility. . . AL and SUE DAWLEY celebrated their 10th Wedding Anniversary during the M&M Wynadotte (Mich) date in July. . . BILL BRICKLE no longer with Gatti, Ditto BOBBY STEBBING and the Polack herd. OTTO BEROSINI is now with that circus. . . wife of retired horse trainer TOMMY O'BRIEN was hospitalized recently in Memphis, but is out, up and around now. . . The CARLOS TWINS back with Vargas. . . The Juggling VILLAMS, as far as I know, still out of the country (I've been asked and that's my answer). . . The VALDEZ juggling act now at Circus Circus in Vegas, reported to be the catcher from the RAMOS Flying act. . . BERNIE BERWIN

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and KEN BREWSTER spending much time in Florida this season. . . The GREAT JOSELITO a big two hand winner at Magic Mountain. He's there for the summer. . . Mrs. SAM POLACK suffering serious ill-health I am sorry to report.

NEWS FROM Glitter Gultches: In Reno at Circus Circus are ANETA VARGAS (wire and magic), and juggler ORESTO. At CC in Vegas are MICHAEL CHIRRIK, BRIDGET BALLENTINE, RUDY'S DOGS, the STANEKS, HUMPTY-DUMPTY, VALDEZ FLYING MICHAELS and CAVARETTAS, KAROLI and the Aerial Carousel. All acts have one day off a week.

The 'Project Hope' opener for RBBB in L.A. raised \$20,000 plus, owing to celebrities attending the pre-dinner party. Actor HENRY WINKLER was Honorary Chairman and ROBERT CONRAD guest ringmaster. But it was veteran JAMES STEWART, riding an elephant, who received ovations from the Forum spectators. Stewart played the clown in DeMille's circus epic and was reunited with golden-ager LOU JACOBS. Postscript: The FONZ was sporting a beard but remarks he must shave it when filming starts on the new "Happy Days" series.

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DANNY DANIELS, organist, comic, juggler, has signed as Musical Director for the M & M Circus International at the Michigan State Fair, Detroit, Mich, Aug. 24-Sept. 3.

DON PHILIPS & Co., visited **GOODWIN'S CHIMPS** at Holyoke, Mass., on Aug. 5-6. The Goodwin's have a concession there for the summer, and the Philips were on a break from

Holiday Hippodrome.

ROBERT DALE CLINE has been named elephant superintendent at the Zoo in Albany, Ga. He had previously worked in the elephant departments with Kelly-Miller, Carson & Barnes, King Bros. and Beatty-Cole Bros.

IVAN HENRY, manager of Legend City in Tempe, Ariz., writes that he is going to sell his complete circus, including animals, trucks, trailers and everything. Interested people can contact him at: 1200 West Washington St., Tempe, Ariz. 85281.

HAL HAVILAND is producing a vaudeville show at Elmira, N.Y., on Nov. 25th. Acts set thus far include **KAREN NYCE, CRAWFORD & GLORIA, THE CYCLONIANS, HELEN & BILLY SCOTT, THE CURBSTONE SETTERS** and **D. R. KLINKO**.

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Whizzer the Clown
Sept. 2 Zanesville, Ohio

State Fair, Warwick, R. I., Aug. 21 to 26th.

GINO FARFAN picked up a wardrobe needle in his heel during RBBB's Red Unit engagement at Anaheim, Calif. It had to be cut out and six stitches were required to close the incision. But 15 year old Gino was out the next day doing his 3½ somersaults to his catcher, father, Armando.

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CIRCUS CONTINENTAL

... by Don Bridwell

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Working in front of the grandstand before two SRO crowds, the show sported two new ring curbs and a red and white backdrop flanking the bandstand. It was one of the hottest and most humid days reported.

The line-up included: Whizzer and Harry (Rick Legg) clown come-in; the Manuel Navarro Family, unicycles; The Hernandez Troupe, teeterboard; Clown Sharpshooters; Jim Sommers, illusions; Randy & Sylvia, perch; Clown Strongman; The Elkin Sisters, acro/dogs; The Dolly Sisters, cradle; Clown Wash Day; Timothy, juggling and Walt King's elephants.

The show ran a tight one hour. Magician John Shirley made a quick run in from Colon, Mich., where he had opened the Abbott's Get-together, to act as ringmaster. A large local band backed the show program.

ROOF FALLS (Continued)

roof to collapse.

Officials all agree that it will be several weeks before any final conclusion can be reached as to what caused the roof to collapse.

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