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March 27, 1978

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SUPERDOME SHOW

The second annual Louisiana Superdome Thrill Show and Demolition Derbies will be held on Saturday, April 8th in New Orleans.

Bill Siros, head of the Houston based Amusement Enterprises, producers of the show, says this year's show will be twice as big as the 1976 edition. In addition to three major thrill acts, Siros has contracted for the entire Danny Fleenor Auto Thrill Show to perform. Rounding out the Thrill program will be "Fearless Bob" with several motorcycle stunts including the debut of the "Starcycle." This is a brand new stunt with Bob riding a motorcycle hung under a giant hang glider, explains Siros, "and he will attempt to fly this machine inside the Superdome."

Also featured will be an attempt at a world record for a straight jacket escape by a woman, hanging upside down from the Superdome ceiling. "Leah," a dancer and magician from Houston will make the attempt as the rope burns above her.

Fire is a key ingredient of another feature

act. Don Brock, of Texarkana (Ark) will jump his motorcycle through a wall of flames between two ramps. With the flames obscuring his sight of the receiving ramp it will be an extremely difficult ramp-to-ramp jump.

Rounding out the Thrill Show program will be the "Crash Cavalcade" of David 'Suicide' Siros.

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Magic

Bob Snowden, who with his wife Lucy, operates Chico's Monkey Farm at Richmond Hill, Ga., has been interested in magic all his life. He has had magic shows out several times (at one time a large one under canvas) and was co-owner of King Bros. Circus. He still operates for sponsored dates and we will be making his big Shrine circus date in Manchester, N.H. in April.

Lucy is from the DeRiskie circus family and has been a performer all her life and was the magician on the under canvas show.

Working for Bob and Lucy you will find the legendary Charlie Roark, who did a magic-ventriloquist act in the Ringling side show for years, when that show was under canvas. Then working with the stock is 85 year old Dale Petross, who was the rider and trainer of Thurston's "vanishing horse." Dale also cared for two burros that were used on the show.

Al DeLage and I made the 46th Larry Weeks Big Apple All Day Magic Convention at the Hotel Diplomat in NYC on Mar. 5th. Larry had one of the finest shows I have seen there, consisting of Bob Olson; Theo & Co.; Count De mattiazzi; Michael Moschen; Al Faria and the Blackstones.

Dick Brooks is putting out a new bi-monthly magic magazine called "Hocus Pocus." Now that "The Magic Magazine" and "The Houdini" magazines are both out of business. "Hocus

In Memory

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NICK FALZONE

..... HELEN WILSON, Organist

"Pocus" will be the only magic magazine coming from New York. Yours truly will be furnishing some material from time-to-time. Dick and his lovely wife, Dorothy Dietrich, also operate the "Magic Towne House" at 1026 Third Ave., NYC. They have a magic shop there as well as shows on Fri., Sat. and Sun. Write them for information about subscribing to 'Hocus Pocus'.

We opened Magic Time USA for Mearl Johnson in Claymont, Dela., on Mar. 10th. This year we are sporting a new 36 ft. semi for props. Most of the old group are back, but we do have the following new faces: showgirl Jan Christopher from Flint, Mich.; clown Mike Jones, who was with Sells & Gray last year; musicians Grady Albert from Lubbock, Texas, and Bill Ray, from Hammond, Ind. Our route will be in CR so come and visit when you can.

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Mar 31-Apr 2 Tacoma, Wash.

Big John Strong Circus
Mar. 27 Hemet, Calif.
28 Falbrook
29 Ramona
30 Poway
31 San Marcos
Apr. 1 Escondido
2 El Centro

Carden-Johnson Circus
Mar 27-Apr 2 Springfield, Mo.

Hubert Castle Circus
Mar. 30 Huron, S. D.
30-Apr 8 Columbus, Ohio
31-Apr 2 Aberdeen, S. D.

Circus of Fun - Dave Twomey
Mar 30-Apr 9 San Bernardino, Cal.

Circus Vargas
Mar. 28-30 Orange, Calif.
31-Apr 3 Riverside

Cole All Star TV Circus
Mar. 27 Madison, N. Y.
28 Norrisville
29 Tully
30 Cincinnati
31 Afton
Apr. 1 Sidney

Dobritch Int'l Circus
Mar 31-Apr 2 New Orleans, La.

Hamid-Morton Circus
Mar 27-Apr 1 Wilkes-Barre, Pa.
30-Apr 2 Oklahoma City, Okla

Hubler Int'l Circus
Apr. 1-2 Amarillo, Texas

Kool Aid Circus
Mar 29-Apr 9 Tampa, Fla.

Ringling-Barnum - Blue Unit
to June 4 New York, N. Y.

Ringling-Barnum - Red Unit
Mar 29-Apr 2 Cincinnati, Ohio

Royal Hanneford Circus
Mar 31-Apr 2 Syracuse, N. Y.

Royal Lichtenstein Circus
Mar. 29 Mankato, Minn.
30 Ankeny, Iowa
31 Des Moines

Tigris Shrine Circus
Mar 31-Apr 2 Syracuse, N. Y.

Wonderful World of Circus
to Mar 29 Sarasota, Fla.

----- OTHER DATES -----

Vince Carmen's Razzle Dazzle
Mar. 28 Asheville, N. C.
31 Wilmington

Dondi, the Baby Elephant
Mar 30-Apr 2 Sioux Falls, S.D.

Holiday On Ice - Nat'l
Mar 28-Apr 2 W. Palm Beach, Fla

PEOPLE

IVAN HENRY will tour his Henry Bros. Circus, opening at Phoenix (Ariz) on April 8th. The tour will run through October.

HANS WINN and Family visited the Medinah Shrine Circus in Chicago and Hamid-Morton Circus at Kansas City enroute to California from their Hubert Castle date in Minneapolis. They're at Knotts Berry Farm Mar. 17-26.



Ice Capades - Eastern Unit
to April 2 Kansas City, Mo.

Ice Capades - Western Unit
Mar 28-Apr 2 Moncton, N. B.

Ice Follies
Mar 29-Apr 9 Minneapolis, Minn.

Bob Jones Pet Zoo
to April 9 Lake Grove, N.Y.

Dave Merrifield Helicopter Troupe
April 1 Philadelphia, Pa.

NASCAR (Races)
April 2 Roseville, Calif.

Victor, the Rasslin' Bear
Mar 28-Apr 1 Clearwater, Fla.

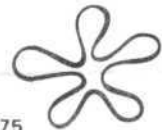
Steve Williams (Ventriloquist)
Mar 28-Apr 2 Winston-Salem, N.C.

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FAMOUS HUNT will alternate major indoor dates with an augmented program between its regular tent show route. Set are dates in May, June, Sept. and 5 dates after the regular route in the fall. by 1979 **MARSHA HUNT** expects to dispense with the big top except for special events, when a big top will be practical and/or a special marketing feature. Marsha and husband Don, recently purchased a beautiful "grass-like" carpet which will cover the whole of an arena floor and, at the Civic Center in Phila (May 12-17) will use a battery of super-trooper spots, plus an 8 piece band. Beefing the talent line-up are **AERIAL-ETTA**, **PRINCE NAJVEZ**, **JO ANN & SUNNY**, **ETHEL's GREYHOUNDS** which package will subsequently appear on later indoor spots.

The **BILL GARDEN** owned "Showtime Follies" bowed Mar. 20th at Naples (Fla) with a roster of acts including the Rolling Diamonds, Miss Tina, trapeze; Marie France's Yorkie dog act; Jim Green, magic; Sampion, juggler; Sharon Vidbel's chimps, with music by Florine and Phil Oler.

Until he joins King Bros. **BRADD FRANK** has been playing malls with his big petting zoo and pony rides. Bradd is taking two horses to King — his black, dancing mare and white "Capriole" and hindleg specialty horse. He broke a hindleg pony for the King Bros. mixed act as well. Wife, Sheila, recently hospitalized with pneumonia, will not tour the season. She has a lucrative position as manager of a chain store based in Florida.

Lovely brunette **KAREN NYCE**, the gal who stands on one finger (and beautifully) has returned to circus dates after several seasons of club dates. Karen is a three-whistle beauty, with a "well rounded" act(!). We welcome her back, and hope she stays with us this time out.

Organist **JOHN ASBURY** was involved in a serious auto mishap, suffered a busted kneecap among other injuries which put him out of action for a while. The trumpeter **ROY ROBINETTE** departed the Nordmark All Star Circus in Georgia back in February.

DOWN RUMOR ROAD: That **ART BARRETT** will promote a string of Western dates utilizing the **PETE LUVAS** Circus. Word is the show will be playing ball parks and arenas.

BOUQUETS: To the one and only **LOTTIE BRUNN**, seen recently on the Hubler Circus. This dazzling juggler (whose hands move so quickly they become a mere blur) has lost **NONE** of her zest, her dash, her speed,

her style, her showmanship, OR her looks! She looks like a little girl in the ring flashing to the hilt, those gorgeous legs. Not only that, she set the audience on its collective ear! To this special lady goes a very special bouquet indeed.

SNAPSHOTS: **ANNE HUBLER** and daughter **MARY** took advantage of their visit to the Mentor PTA Circus to visit Cleveland's Art Museum one day, and partake in a practice session for Mary at the Cleveland Ballet, the next. Mary, who is a real stunner, is into ballet and doing well at it . . . **RED GATES** has the concessions on the Hubler dates . . . seen also were **BUZZY CUTTIN** and **JOHN BULLITT**. . . Int'l All Star is using a mirrored ball opening number, is carrying its own spots, and has introduced a new "plastic" ring curb which is lightweight, compact, easy to "in and out" and is flashy . . . **JANET BURGER** has almost finished training the specialty poodle which will be featured in **ETHEL JENNIE's** Marie-Louise balancing act and which Ethel hopes to unveil by **GRACE MacINTOSH's** Mt. Clemens date . . . Author **DARRYL PONICAN** (The Ringmaster) has been in the East promoting his book . . . **WADE** and **MARGARET BURCK** are back with the Cuneo cats. . . **AERIALETTA** has added the "free neck hang" to her outstanding trapeze act . . . **BARBARA TAGGART**, circus tunesmith has turned choreographer, will stage the "Fiesta Dancers" at schools throughout Illinois and Wisconsin . . . Femmec clown **MARY WISE** still "up in the air" about the new season . . . Clown **BILLY FORD** playing dates with the **JIMMY DOUGLASS** clown group .

. . . Veteran organist **JESSIE GRIF-FITHS** has played the South Boston (Va) fair for 28 consecutive years which has to be some sort of a record . . . After 10 years working without a break **MIKE CHIRRIK** suffered exhaustion and asked for and got a leave of absence from Circus Circus. He will resume his career shortly . . . The indomitable **FRANCIS BRUNN** (King of Jugglers) was told prior to his hip operation he would never work again. He smiled, went through the operation, went right back to work. Francis, recently in New York to have new props made for his San Juan stint, is now back thrilling audiences in the Dominican Republic. When asked if it was true that he and Lottie would team in '79 for one gala reunion tour, he gave that charming smile

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TV Feature

(The following item was released by the Associated Press on March 8th, and was written by Jerry Buck).

Dick Van Dyke went to Florida to study the circus clowns and found they were studying him.

"They're all graduates of the Ringling training school, where they're shown a film — and it turns out to be a film of mine," says Van Dyke.

The film is "The Comic", written and directed by Carl Reiner, in which Van Dyke plays a slapstick silent screen comic in the tradition of Buster Keaton. It has now become virtually a cult film.

"I thought I was going to do some pratfalls, but those kids beat anything I've ever seen," he said. "They know every fall from every movie Keaton or Charlie Chaplin made and could do everyone of them."

Van Dyke worked with the clowns during the taping of "Highlights of Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus," which he hosts on NBC-TV. He dons makeup and costume to be a clown, swings from a trapeze and rides a unicycle with training wheels.

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"I was surprised by the clowns," he said. "I always think of circus people as being European and over 65. I don't think there was a clown over 25.

"You think of running away to join the circus as a thing of the past, but they've got the bug bad. Most of them had thought of becoming clowns since they were kids."

Most of the taping was done during regular performances, but the tiger act was taped in the morning.

"The tigers weren't used to working out in the morning," Van Dyke said. "They were very cranky. And you know how TV directors are, they want to do everything over and over. Finally, the tigers were getting so angry the tamer had to tell the director. The director said over the loudspeaker, "Tell the tigers to relax."

Van Dyke, casually dressed and doing his own circus act balancing himself on a chair with a tendency to tip, said he may also be the m.c. of the circus in Monte Carlo on another TV show in May.

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ORVAL LINDEMANN suffered a heart attack on March 7th and is confined to the Memorial Hospital, Room 363-K, Sheboygan, Wisc. He is a former performer and member of the Seils-Sterling famil and would enjoy hearing from show business friends.

MARI JO COULS recently visited with HINES RUCKER with the Int'l All Star Circus at Daytona Beach, Fla. Then she drove to Charleston (SC) to visit her daughter PATTI RUCKER on the Royal Hanneford Circus, where she also enjoyed visits with friends HERBIE WEBER and GAYLORD MAYNARD.

JOE SCHMITT, Jr. writes he visited Carden-Johnson Circus at Ft. Worth (Texas) Mar. 8th, where it was cold and windy with a temperature of 35 degrees. Spectators watched the circus from the comfort of their car and used horns and lights to applaud the acts.



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"Circus Couronne" by R. Wright Campbell is a novel with a World War I circus setting. It was published by G. P. Putnam of New York - \$8.95

"Logistics of the American Circus" by Joe McKennon and published by Carnival Publishers of Sarasota, Fla. 1977 -

"Freaks: Myths and Images of the Secret Self" by Leslie Fiedler is a scholarly work published by Simon and Schuster of New York 1978 - \$12.95

"Singing Wheels and Circus Wagons" by Gene Plowden and published by Caxton Printers of Caldwell, Idaho 1978 - \$4.95

"Ringmaster" by Darryl Ponicsan and published by Delacorte Press of New York - 1978

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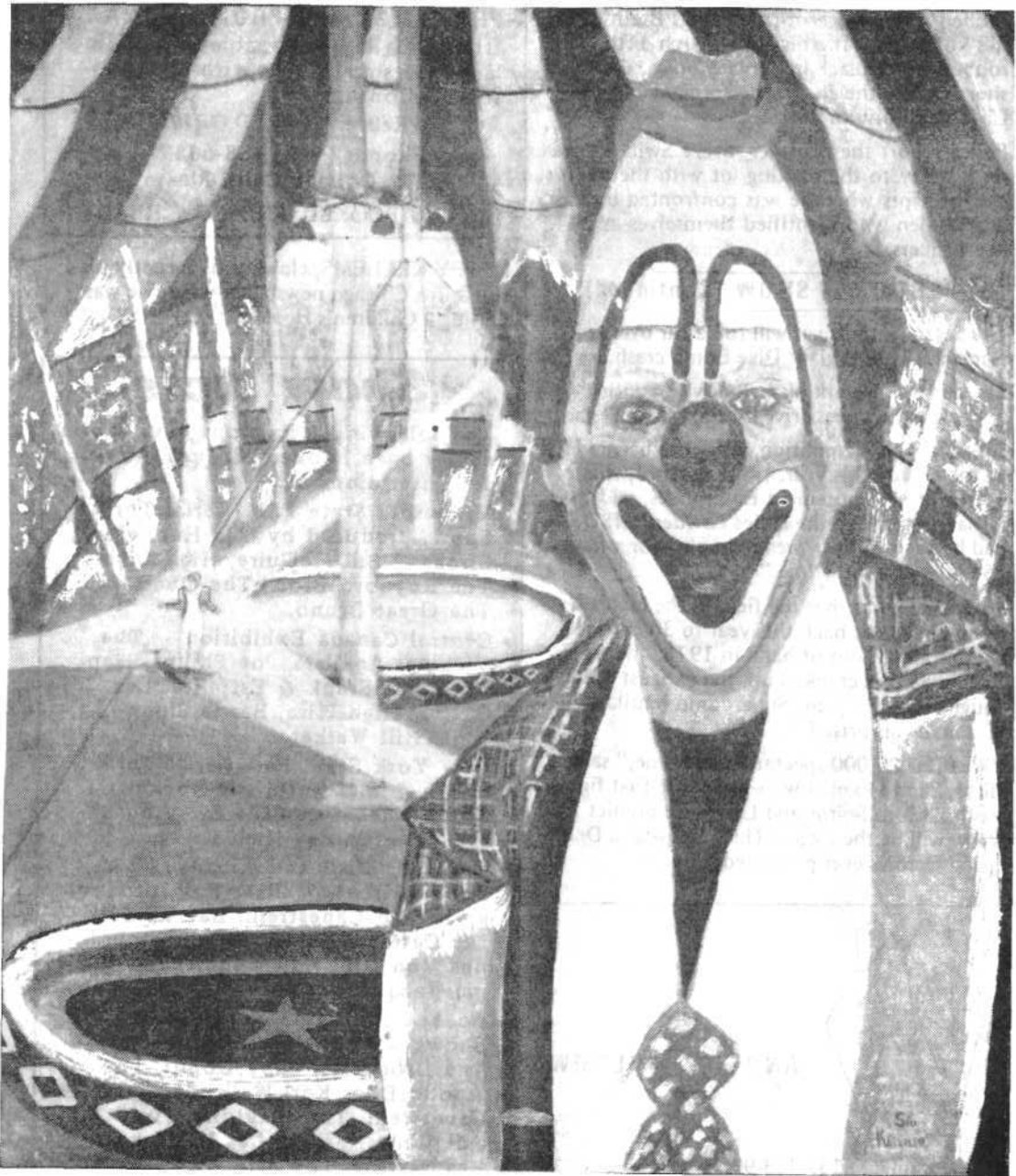
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Funds Stolen

Two men who identified themselves as police robbed the manager of the "Bugs Bunny Follies" of \$2,500 the night of March 11th. The robbery took place in Santa Monica, Calif., shortly after the show's performance in the Civic Auditorium.

Police report the manager, Steve Swinkin, was on his way to the parking lot with the night's cash receipts when he was confronted by two armed men who identified themselves as police officers.

SUPERDOME SHOW (Continued)

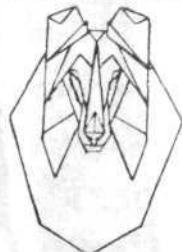
The veteran stuntman will roll a car over, a T-Bone crash and a giant Dive Bomb crash.

Fleenor will present his hell-driving routines and a special two-wheel drive by the "Camel" car.

An additional demolition derby has been added to the line up this year. Jim Lawrence, vice president of Amusement Enterprises, said the initial response to the ladies Powder Puff Derby had been slow, but "we are hoping for a field of 25 entries by showtime."

Lawrence notes that the field in the Men's Derby has been cut back this year to 30 entries. "It got a little out of hand in 1976," he said, "when 55 cars cranked up, the exhaust fumes caught even the giant Superdome ventilation system by surprise!"

"We drew 20,000 spectators last time," said Siros, "and I expect we will double that figure easily." Both Spiros and Lawrence predict the show will be the largest Thrill Show and Demolition Derbies ever presented indoors.



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HAPPY KELLEMS, clown, was recently pictured in a Chicago newspaper where he was visiting a Children's Hospital.

Show Acts

The following attractions have recently been booked through Amanda Entertainment:

- Minnesota State Fair, Aerial Thrill Show, produced by The Hanneford Circus — Bill McGuire, High Diver, The Reynoso Bros., The Quassars, The Great Bruno.
- Central Canada Exhibition — The Vickinas-Aguilars, Joe Philips, Happy Davis, Frank & Estrelita, Les Castros-High Wire, Barrie Sloan-High Stilt Walker.
- New York State Fair Aerial Thrill Show — Miss Futuristic-Rocket Car, The Vashek Duo, The Swaying Billros, John Carney-High Diver.
- Madison, Wis. and Albany, N. Y., Shrine Circus, William Kay, producer — Fred Canestrelli, Las Verdus, Les Castros, Kay Rosaire, Baron Julius Von Uhl, Hall's Bears, The Flying Vazquez.
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Acts Named

The program presented by the Hubert Castle Circus for its March 10th engagement at Bozeman, Mont., featured:

Ronritas, aerial wheel; Tarzan Zerbini, wild animals; Clowns; The Davids, The Paulos, and the Shermans; Karl Linares, dogs; Randy & Sylvia; Martinez; The Laddies; Mlle. Jacqueline; Ashton & Sally; the Carlos Twins; Circus Elephants; Susan Sheryll's Royal Afghans; the Marhal camels; the Rock-Smith Flyers; Clowns; Boomer & Co., boxing kangaroo; An aerial ballet; Johnny Zoppe's Rhesus Monkeys; The Hernandez Troupe, teeterboard; Clowns; The Smith Cannon act.

Two shows were presented (3:30 and 7 p.m.) with Lucky Larabee serving as ringmaster and Clemen Toca musical director.

Show Dates

Hoxie Bros. Circus
Mar 31-Apr 2 W. Palm Beach, Fla.

IN MEMORIAM

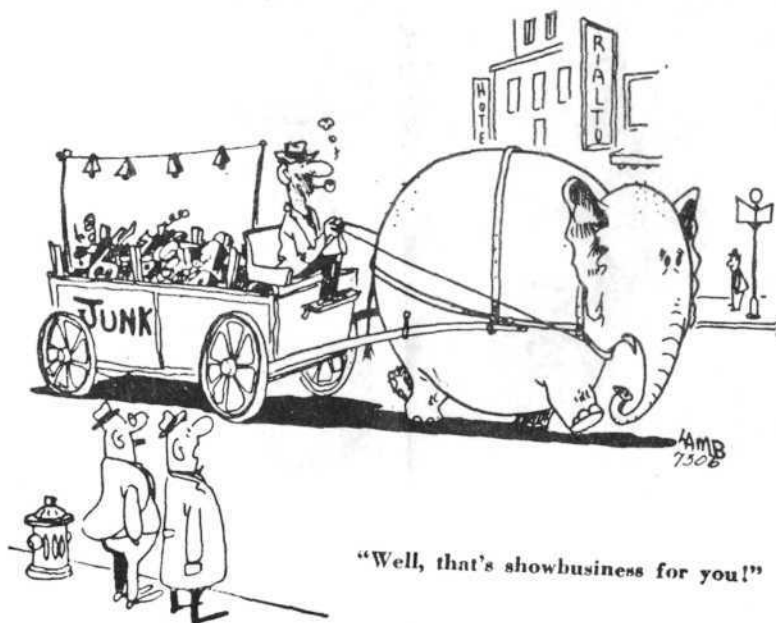
PERCY RADEMACHER (78) who spent his entire life as a clown, died at Sheboygan, Wsc. on March 8th. He started his career performing clown acts at Sheboygan and the next year joined the circus, then toured with many major shows, Shrine circuses and auto thrill shows. In 1931, while with the Hagenbeck-Wallace Circus he developed an exploding car. Percy and Ella Steffen were married on April 17, 1926, while both were appearing with the Seils-Sterling Circus.

Survivors include his wife, Ella and a sister, Mrs. Helen Schuessler.

PEOPLE

HOLVECK & CO. (magic act) will make a guest appearance on the Bozo TV Show in Chicago enroute to a summer date at a park in Pennsylvania.

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BILLY BARTON (Continued)

which said lots (and nothing) but which also left the possibility wide open. . . The STANEKS had to rush to the Vargas show to replace the JABCZYNSKI teeterboard troupe. . . First persons the KLEMENTIS ran into upon their return to the USA were BOB and KAY PARKER - at a truckstop (they were together on Vargas). . . Bad weather continues to plague that show, by the way. . . GLORIA PEEBLES is breaking new dogs, returns to the Michigan park where she played for 3 season. . . A baby African elephant was born at the Knoxville Zoo, the first such birth in the Western Hemisphere and is under very heavy security. **FLASH!!** The FREDDIE CANESTRELLI Family will center ring and headline an RBBB unit in 1979. The "BURGER" KINGS: Janet and Frank are delayed in debuting the new version of their Rocket Ship Chimps because the costumes weren't finished in time. The Burgers start their season at Fantasy Island June 29th, will be there thru Sept. 10th. Meanwhile they are playing dates for George Hubler, Hubert Castle and Sam T. Polack. They lost "Big Mo" the 250 lb. chimp (one of the largest ever to perform) when it contracted pneumonia where they had it boarded, and Janet's mother, MARY WILLIAMS (of the Torelli Sisters) who is now 73, is slowly losing her eyesight as the result of an auto accident in October. And, speaking of auto mishaps for the 3rd time in this column. . . while stopped at a red light, very early in the morning, GIL MILLER was struck from behind by a drunken driver and the impact was so terrific the front seat was torn from its moorings. Gil was thrown

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PEOPLE

JACK E. MESTER, of the Royal Crown Circus, recently built a 5 ft. aerial ladder for Betty Wendany's show and also did the rigging of the aerial unit.

IN MEMORIAM

ROBIN LOGAN, ventriloquist, magician and clown, and one of the early AGVA representatives in Canada, died in Toronto on Jan. 15 after a long illness.

forward and suffered a deep gash on his forehead which required a number of stitches. The inebriated driver got out of his car and staggered over to the injured agent and said: "How come you weren't moving? the light was green"????

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PEOPLE

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KEEPER KILLED

A UPI release originating from Chicago (Ill) reports that a circus elephant attacked and killed its keeper on March 11th. The Indian elephant reportedly lifted up keeper David Farr (35) and threw him against a building pillar.

The incident is being investigated by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Their investigation was launched after witnesses reported the animal had been mistreated and struck with a shovel several times.

signed for a 10 week Fair season in Canada. The booking was handled by the Gastoni Agency of Montreal.

PAUL and LOIS HORSMAN and MILDRED LOCKIER (her late husband was Sunburst Charlie Lockier) visited the James M. Cole Circus at Waterloo (NY) and report there was a good crowd for the program:

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and all I got was "butts"

This circus life has got me down
until I'm nearly nuts
Sleeping out and eating out
like nomads on the roam
Sometimes I think I'd like to have
a little place, called Home

I guess I'm just not living right
for things to be this way
'Cause up's and down's are all I've had
more down's than up's I'd say.

Oh well, I guess it's just to be
I'm living much too fast
I'll hit the boss again tonight
and hope it will be the last.

My notice ends tomorrow
but I'd sure like to say
Farewell my friends - Good luck to you
Goodbye "I'm on my way."

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Marie Loter, music; Happy Loter, side show;
Ted and Alice Wilson, midway jewelry.

(With a very short season and no animals in the
performance).

Submitted by: Marie Loter, circus organist, a

Show Program

The 1978 Cyprus Shrine Circus, produced by William Kay, set attendance records during its March 4-5 date at Albany, N.Y. The 5:30 p.m. show on Sunday broke the record for a single performance in the 25 years that the circus has been appearing in Albany. The show was delayed nearly an hour so the people could get in. The three Saturday shows and the 2 p.m. show on Sunday had standing room only.

The program featured: Introductions by Bill Kay; Blinko and Maran, balloons; John Malett and the Shrine Circus Band; Kay Rosaire, lion act; Clowns with Long Shirt; The Karinas (Karen and Happy Davis) trampoline; The Vasquez Trio, trapeze; Caesar, the Unrideable Mule; the Clowns tooth gag; the Dorita Sisters, acrobats; Clown Wedding; Bill Brickle's Poodle Fantasy; Al and Joyce Vidbel, ponies; the Vasquez Flyers; The Bisbinis, ladder balance; Sir Chadwicke Chase and his comedy car; Clown Levitation; Miguel Ayalya, low wire; Clowns and Dog Pie; The Verdus, rolling globes; Clowns and Telephone gag; Vidbel's elephants; the Castro Brothers, high wire.

Clown Alley included: Ernie 'Blinko' Burch, Joe Sherman, Al Ross, Ed Ball, Bill Vaughn and Bubba Hastings.

The show's staff consisted of: William Kay, producer/director; Patricia Kay, treasurer/talent coordinator; John Malett, musical director; Sue Ossman, secretary; Bob Miller, supt.; L. Heisinger, lighting; Bob Johnson and Jack Healy, public relations.

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