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## MATTEL REPORT.....INTERESTING

Last year was a special one for Ringling Bros.-Bernum & Bailey, says Mattel's Annual Report, for it was highlighted by continued growth by the circus and the opening of Circus World Park in Florida. In 1973, the circus enjoyed its biggest year, playing in over 80 U. S. and Canadian cities and presenting approximately 1,000 performances. An equally ambitious schedule has been laid out for the 1974 tour.

In April 1973, Ringling broke ground for its 750 acre Circus World entertainment complex near Orlando, Fla. The initial phase, Showcase, is currently open to the public.

On Page 14 of the Annual Report is "Note 2 - Discontinued Operations" which provides the dates that various Mattel subsidiaries were sold. It goes on to say -- Also included are all the operations of Ringling Bros. Bernum & Bailey Combined Shows, Inc., including the circus and Circus World entertainment complex, which the Company presently intends to sell. There is no assurance at this time that such a sale will ever be consummated.

Net sales of discontinued  
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### tour was a winning one

Kramien's Magic Show recently completed a 16 week tour, playing Arizona, Nevada, New Mexico, Idaho and Utah. The new show -- Magic Capades -- is set to open on June 8th at Vancouver (Wash) and is booked well into 1975.

Business for the show was said to be good in the Southwestern area. Dates were played with phone promotion and on an independent basis and in the future extra independent dates have been planned.

At the University of New Mexico the show's prop truck ran away and knocked over a lamp post. Damage to the truck was estimated at \$1,000

## IT WAS MIGHTY NICE

For its April 24-30 date at Omaha, Nebr., the Kaye Cont'l Circus was sponsored by the Tanager Shrine Temple. This year's circus has some new features which make it far superior to any other indoor circus, excluding Ringling-Barnum.

A single trapeze artist -- Arturo -- performs the most daring and outstanding feats that this writer has witnessed. He is featured in the aerial ballet, which is definitely a high point of the show. The number has 17 girls on webs, then during a blackout bubble machines fill the arena with bubbles, which with colored spots provides a fantastic effect.

The 2½ hour show is loaded with some of the finest circus performers in the business. Tarzan Zerbini's unequalled cat act; Miss Jacqueline's aerial rocket, and the sensational Gene Mendez on the high wire, are but a few of those who are top stars. The Patterson Family offers three excellent numbers--

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## KAYE CONT'L CIRCUS (Continued)

Walter as "Mr. Bell" has a balancing routine, the entire family appears on the trampoline and Lora performs on the single trapeze and web.

Another aerial thriller is the Nerveless Nocks swaypole act (due to Dolly Nock's recent injury at Circus America) only three sway poles are used.

Phil D. McDonald does a capable job of announcing and Clown Alley was led by Gene Randow.

..... David Chabira



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# people

PHIL SHEAR, advance clown for John Strong, was burned on the face, neck and chest while doing his fire eating act.

BOB MOORE is currently at the Nugget Casino (Sparks, Nev.) where he works in the elephant department.

JOHANNA NILLISON (Angeli-que) a stripper who worked in a lion's cage, was killed by the lion on April 26, while performing at Rotterdam.

HARRY ROSS (Rossi, the Clown) recently joined the Gatti-Charles Circus for its current tour.

"Hanabel" TOPOR, "Punch" COUCH (from Ringling Blue), "Kosco" NAUGHTIN and "Paddy" Bissonette clowned at Kaufman's Steeple Chase Park, Coney Isl'd, N.Y. on May 5th. Pat and Mike also worked the Spring Festival at Riverdale, N.Y. on May 11th.

JACKI ALTHOFF has reportedly left the Poleck Show for an extensive date in an eastern park.

CLARK McDERMOTT, and his dogs, are currently working out of Gainesville, Texas.

BOBO, the Hobo, a CFA member worked the Monroe, La. Auto Show on May 4th. He lead the parade, riding in a 1918 Dodge sedan.

# Stage Show ACTS

Acts appearing on the free show at the Porterville, Calif., Fair (May 16-18) included:

David & Irene	Karl Carsony
Stepping Stones	Bounding Lees
The Great Bruno	

One of the stagehands working backstage during the three day event was Chet Slusser.

THE DEANS (Frank and Bernice) visited the Grand Circus Safari at Lancaster, Calif. on May 17th. Strong winds bothered some performers, they said.

MENA and MERLE EVANS plan to visit with PAUL VAN POOL at Joplin, Mo., after the July 4th Beraboo celebration.

MARIE LOTER, organist, is reportedly no longer with the Fisher Bros. Circus

DON WESTON, retired sharp shooter, recently sold his act and props to FRANK DEAN. This includes Weston's rare music chimes which can be played with bullets. Dean plans to present the act on the Happytime Circus this season.

PAUL VAN POOL plans to be in Tulsa, Okla. on June 15th to visit friends on the Ringling Red Unit.

# GATTI-CHARLES — A WINNER ..by Michael Sporrer

This year the American Continental Circus, produced by Gatti-Charles, had two sponsors in Seattle, Wash. On May 8-10 the show was sponsored by the Police Officers Guild, and on May 11-12 the circus was sponsored by the Boeing Management Association.

The circus was presented in one of the Boeing buildings, with rental seats set up all around the sides. There was plenty of room for the acts and the whole set-up looked good. In fact this was the best production the show has presented.

Ringmaster Will Hutchins wears the traditional red, white and black outfit, and does a nice job at the mike. Music for the program is capably handled by Don Rey.

The show line-up featured:  
 The Tates - clown warm-up  
 Spec - Parade of all personnel  
 Frank Magyrosi - lions (2)  
 Great Bardoe - aerial escape  
 The Tates - balancing eggs  
 Congo, almost human gorilla  
 Miss Myma Moon - trapeze  
 Spanish web number (2)  
 Glen Henry - trained dogs  
 Magyrosi's dogs  
 Nolly's Hollywood canines  
 The Willettys - juggling  
 Senior Hugo - juggling  
 The Four Gasperis - knockabouts  
 The Clowns - Tate, Ellis, Willie  
 Glen's liberty ponies (4)  
 The Flying Gaones

-- Intermission --

Ken Willer - hand balancing  
 The Clowns - toothache number  
 Miss Lillian - foot juggler  
 Amazing Alain - wire/sword bal.  
 Lempeke's chimps - (4)

## CHARGES MADE

Last week the Associated Press reported the Ohio Attorney General's Office is going to seek a permanent injunction against a circus and its fund-raising firm for alleged misrepresentation under the Ohio Charitable Solicitation Laws. The Attorney General Office says "the circus keeps too much of the money it raises and doesn't give enough to the charity it talks about."

In its suit, filed in Butler County, the Attorney General named a Florida-based circus and promotional fund raiser in connection with a fund raising program for the Trenton Rescue Squad. The suit contends that the circus keeps up to 85% of all funds raised, and that this

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The Ashton Family - risley  
 Franciscans - teeterboard  
 Michael Rice - elephants (3)  
 Les Blocks - high wire

## Ohio Draws Many Shows . . . Fans Happy

In the week between May 10 and May 17, some five circuses played within a 30 mile radius of Cincinnati, Ohio, to the delight of local circus fans. Shows in the area included:- Syrian Shrine Circus, Lewis Bros., Hoxie Bros., Sells & Gray and the Hanneford Circus.



About 70 circus fans and performers attended a circus party hosted by members of the John Robinson-Loyal Repensky CFA Tent for the Syrian Shrine Circus performers on May 4th. Among those attending the party were some personnel from Lewis Bros. Circus, which was playing in nearby Covington, Kentucky on that day.

Acts featured with the Syrian Shrine Circus were:...

The Winn Duo - Motorcycles  
 Bill Golden - tigers and lion  
 Young Duo - helicopter spin  
 Maryse Begary - high trapeze  
 Bill Golden - elephant/tig/lion  
 Fay Alexander - comedy car  
 Roy Huston - illusions  
 The Burgers - Ham & Egg Revue  
 Miss Charmaine - ponies/monks.  
 The Clines - liberty horses  
 The Kings - llamas  
 Karl Wallenda - Great Wallendas  
 Sheila Winn - slide for life  
 The Burgers - chimps  
 Klausner's bears  
 Hall's bears  
 The Esquedas - cyclists  
 Victor Julian - dogs  
 King, Cline, Cuneo - elephants  
 Eddie Ventura - rocket car  
 Clown Alley was headed by  
 Gene Randow and Carl Gray.

Hoxie Bros. Circus played at Lebanon, Ohio on May 12th, where it was a windy cool day. Acts featured in that show's program

## notes

Eastman Kodak Co. is using circus acts for its current TV commercials.

Circus Vargas cancelled its plans for a parade at Tacoma, Wh. on May 13th. All shows drew big crowds in that city.

The Wenatchee Youth Circus is booking Pacific Northwest dates for its upcoming 22nd annual tour.

included:..

Cristiani Family - riding and trampoline, plus Gilda's uncaged leopards  
 Forneseri Family - trampoline and juggling  
 McGuire Sisters - bird fantasy and swinging ladders  
 Phil Chandler - ringmaster and illusions  
 Bert Pettus - horses/elephants  
 King Charles - band leader

..... Don Sandman

# ROUTE

## Allen's Pet Zoo

May 30-June 1 Lemoore, Cal

## Beatty-Cole Circus

May 27 Philadelphia, Pa.  
28 West Chester  
29 Gilbertsville  
30 Reading  
31 Allentown  
June 1 East Brunswick, NJ  
2 Piscataway

## Carson & Barnes Circus

May 27 Abilene, Kans.  
28 Beliot  
29 Lyons  
30 Andover  
31 Ellsworth  
June 1 Herrington  
2 Topeka

## Lewis Bros. Circus (Cont'd)

May 30 Ovid, Mich.  
31 Fayette, Ohio  
June 1 Manitou Bch, Mich  
2 Enroute

## Polack Bros. Circus

May 31-June 2 San Fran, Ca

## Ringling-Barnum Blue Unit

May 29-June 16 Philad'ha, Pa

## Ringling-Barnum Red Unit

May 29-June 2 Provid'ce, RI

## Royal Lipizzen Stallion Show

May 28-29 Springf'd, Mo.  
30 Sedalia  
June 1-2 Wichita, Kans.

## Sells & Gray Circus

May 27 Ashland, Ohio  
28 Leetonia  
29 Carrollton  
30 Hickory, Pa.  
31 Somerset

## ..... LATE ROUTES .....

The following route information was received after we'd gone to press at the end of last week.

## Barnes & Daily Circus

May 26 Barry, Ill.

## Royal Bros. Circus

May 25 Kingsville, Can.

## Early American Circus

May 26-27 San Rafael, Cal

## Royal Ranch Show

May 25 Lambertsville, NJ

## YEARS AGO

July 3-4, 1921 - Pittsfield  
Mass.

The Ringling Bros. & Barnum & Bailey Circus arrived here from Bridgeport.

Carson & Barnes Circus  
 May 27 Abilene, Kans.  
 28 Belliot  
 29 Lyons  
 30 Andover  
 31 Ellsworth  
 June 1 Herrington  
 2 Topeka

Hubert Castle Circus  
 May 27-28 Lethbridge, Alhta  
 29-30 Red Deer  
 Jun 1 Grand Prairie

Circus Knie  
 to May 30 Todistrasse, Swtz

Circus Vargas  
 May 27 Enroute  
 28 Greeley, Colo.  
 29 Boulder

Garden Bros. Circus  
 May 29-Jun 2 Montreal, Can.

Gatti-Charles Circus  
 May 28 Auburn, Calif.  
 29 Grass Valley  
 30 Placerville  
 31 So. Lake Tahoe  
 June 1 Jackson  
 2 Mill Valley

George Matthews Circus  
 May 27-28 Great Falls, Mont  
 29 Enroute  
 30 Bozeman  
 31 Billings  
 June 1 Billings  
 2 Sheridan

Hamid-Morton Circus  
 May 30-Jun 2 Paterson, N.J

Hoxie Bros. Circus  
 May 27 Marshall, Mich.  
 28 Laporte, Ind.  
 29 Chestertown  
 30 Burlington, Wsc  
 31 Janesville  
 June 1-2 Milwaukee

Emmett Kelly, Jr. Circus  
 May 30-Jun 2 Spokane, Wash

King Bros. Circus  
 May 27 Lordsburg, N.M.  
 28 Safford, Ariz.  
 29 Ft. Huachula  
 30 Nogales  
 31 Tucson

Lewis Bros. Circus  
 May 27 Dimondale, Mich.  
 28 Greebville  
 29 Carson City

30 Sedalia  
 June 1-2 Wichita, Kans.

Sells & Gray Circus  
 May 27 Ashland, Ohio  
 28 Leetonia  
 29 Carrollton  
 30 Hickory, Pa.  
 31 Somerset

John Strong Circus (1869)  
 May 27 Santa Rosa, NM  
 28-29 Enroute  
 30-31 San Antonio, Tex  
 June 1-3 Houston

John Strong Indoor Circus  
 May 27 Iowa City, Iowa  
 28 Ottumwa  
 29 Burlington  
 30 Quincy  
 31 Chillicothe, Mo

OTHER ROUTES .....

Animal Land Park  
 May 27-Sep 2 Richm'd, Mich

Bull Bros. Shows  
 May 30-Jun 2 Montclair, Ca

Century 21 Shows - Blue  
 to June 1 Chicago Hghts, Ill

Century 21 Shows - Red  
 May 29-Jun 1 Rantoul, Ill

Marlene Dietrich Show  
 June 3-9 Sacramento, Cal

Disney on Parade Show  
 May 30-Jun 3 Seattle, Wash

James H. Drew Shows  
 May 27-Jun 1 Oak Hill, W. Va

Frazier World Fair Shows  
 May 29-Jun 2 El Paso, Tex

Holiday on Ice Show  
 to June 2 Mexico City, Mex

Chick Reed Mem. Rodeo  
 June 1-2 Concord, Cal.

Rose City Rides  
 May 28-Jun 1 Bonne Terre, Mo

Royal Winnipeg Ballet  
 May 28-Jun 4 Mexico City

# YEARS AGO

July 3-4, 1921 - Pittsf'd Mass.

The Ringling Bros. & Barnum & Bailey Circus arrived here from Bridgeport, Conn. on Sunday, July 3rd.

The first section came in at 9:30 a.m. with 22 cars (3 horse cars, 16 flats, 3 sleepers, 51 wagons, an auto, a tractor - 24 cage wagons)

The second section came in at 9:30 a.m. with 23 cars (6 horse cars, 10 flats, 7 sleepers, 3 autos, 27 wagons and 2 tractors).

The third section came in at 9:45 a.m. with 23 cars (5 horse cars, 17 flats, 1 sleeper, an auto, 2 chariots and 51 wagons).

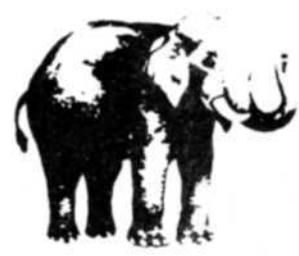
The fourth section came in at 10 a.m. with 24 cars (5 stock cars, 7 horse cars and 12 sleepers).

The wagons are all red, the flat cars are yellow with green ends, while the sleepers are all red.

They have: 30 elephants, 16 camels, 2 zebras, 130 ring horses, 6 ponies. The tents include: 6 pole big top, 6 pole menagerie, 3 pole side show, 5 pole dressing tent, 5 pole ring stock tent, two 5 pole draft horse tents, 7 pole dining tent, 3 pole colored dinging room, four cook house tents, blacksmith shop, wardrobe tent, candy butchers top, ushers tent, 4 small tents and 5 outside concession tents.

They have three electric light plants - two for the big show and one for the side show.

All but the big top was put up on Sunday, and the big top went up Monday.



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## Death Takes Bob Good

Former circus performer, pharmacist, inventor and a circus fan -- Robert D. Good -- died on May 9th at the age of 70.

Born in Allentown, Pa., he graduated from the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, then went to work with his father. In 1926 he joined Ringling-Barnum as a trainer and equestrian.

In 1930 he started building his own model circus, and he had a miniature circus museum on the third floor of his home in Allentown. In 1939 he served as president of the Circus Model Builders Association.

Survivors include his widow, Margaret; a son, Robert F., of Emmaus; a daughter, Nancy J. Rice, of Whitehall; a brother, Dr. Harry S. Good, of Allentown; a sister, Frances L. Bowers, of Frederick, Md. and a grandchild.

## SHOW Program

The program currently being presented by Lewis Bros. Circus features:--

Musical fanfare and welcome announcements

Gary Henry and Clown Pokey - in the Dog Pie problem

Miss Souren - single trapeze

Robert & Rose Gibbs - ponies

Zerbini Bros - comedy tables

Pasha Gibbs - performing camel

## A Bit Of Luck

It was just luck that the tornado missed us, says showman Jim Silverlake. The thing could have easily wiped out the Barnes & Daily Circus quarters at Madsore, Indiana.

In April, just before the show went out, a tornado raced through Indiana, causing damage everywhere. The tornado, with four tails, rolled across the countryside, heading directly for the circus quarters, then some 150 yards from the elephant barn it turned west. Shortly afterwards it turned north again, destroying several homes and farm buildings in the area. While still in sight of the show quarters the thing went through a cemetery, scattering grave stones all over the place.

The Barnes & Daily Circus crew were among the first to get local rescue operations going. Then spent a whole day looking for an elderly neighbor lady, who it was discovered had died when the storm wrecked her home.

Gary Henry - comedy pony

Miss Maya - sword balance

Gibb's comedy elephant number

Miss Anne - bareback riding

Miss Rosa - iron jaw number

Gary Henry - egg balancing

Zerbini Bros. - tight wire

Clown Pokey - comedy car

Bob Gibbs - liberty mules

Zerbini Bros. - teeterboard

Bob & Rose Gibbs - elephants

MATTEL REPORT (Continued)

operations were \$80,063,000 and \$83,574,000 in 1974 and 1973, respectively, including Ringling Bros.' sales of \$27,478,000 and \$24,863,000 in the respective years.

Losses were as follows:

	- 1974 -	Per
Income or (loss)	Amount	Share
From Operat'ns		
Ringling Bros.	\$2,396,000	.14
Other	(766,000)	(.04)
On disposal	(13,671,000)	(.81)
	<u>(12,041,000)</u>	<u>(.71)</u>
Less - Applicable income taxes (credits):		
Ringling Bros.	1,234,000	.07
Other	(4,074,000)	(.24)
	<u>(2,840,000)</u>	<u>(.17)</u>
Net Loss	\$ (9,201,000)	(.54)

- 1973 -

Income or (loss) from operat'ns		
Ringling Bros.	3,780,000	.22
Other	(6,859,000)	(.40)
On disposal	(7,058,000)	(.60)
Less - applicable income taxes (credits):		
Ringling Bros.	1,864,000	.11
Other	(1,864,000)	(.11)
	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>
Net Loss	(10,137,000)	(.60)

The loss on disposal in 1974 includes operating losses of approximately \$9 million incurred during the period of disposal. Results of discontinued operations include allocated in-

terest and administrative expenses of \$4,281,000 in 1974 and \$1,774,000 in 1973. Prior to 1974, the discontinued businesses maintained separate lines of credit and made interest payments directly to their banks. Allocation of such costs to discontinued business based on assets and corporate advances (including earnings reinvested since acquisition) has been limited to the amount of interest expense which would have been eliminated by application to bank indebtedness of the proceeds of their sale. Approximately \$2 million of the losses on disposal in 1974 represents losses applicable to Optigan Corp.

The assets and liabilities of the discontinued businesses are shown below (in part).

Non-current assets:

Investment in Circus World:--  
 1974 - \$18,935,000  
 1973 - 9,942,000

The investment in Circus World consisted of costs incurred by Ringling Bros. in connection with the construction of a family entertainment park located near Orlando, Fla. These costs include approximately \$7,300,000 for land, \$6,200,000 for construction, \$1,500,000 for memorabilia, \$2,500,000 for administration, salaries, consulting fees and interest and \$1,500,000 for other costs. These costs are being deferred by  
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## Statue Found -- Repairs Made

The life-sized statue of Tom Thumb (Charles S. Stratton) which was damaged by vandals at a Bridgeport, Conn., cemetery on March 20th, has been found and repaired. When cemetery officials discovered the statue laying broken at the foot of its base, the head was missing. About a week later the head was found in another part of the cemetery.

Officials of the Mountain Grove Cemetery report the statue was repaired in their own shops. Holes were drilled through the statue, with galvanized reinforcing rods put inside to help strengthen the figure. A special epoxy glue, which hardens and can be polished, was used to repair the cracks around the neck, knees and base of the statue.

The statue was placed on the Stratton Family plot in 1858. Charles Stratton, and his parents, are all buried there.

The statue was first damaged in June 1959, when vandals smashed it to the ground and made off with the head. Some \$6,000 was raised for restoration work by local citizens and a new head was carved for the statue. Later the original head was found in the Rooster River. It was mounted for display and now rests in the Barnum Museum.

Cemetery officials have suggested the statue might be safer if kept in the Barnum Museum, but there has been some objection to that idea. Now the cemetery is asking Bridgeport citizens for their opinion -- whether the statue should be replaced atop the grave marker or presented to the museum.

## Working Layoff

Most of the show equipment was renewed when Clyde Bros. Circus (Red Unit) laid over at Anderson, N.C., recently. The work was carried out at the fair grounds under the direction of Lucky Larabee and Amandee.

A considerable amount of painting was achieved, with new loading runs installed on the lion trailer, while new living quarters were added to the elephant van. A new cage has also been added to the show

## The Facts

Somehow that story about the Carson & Barnes Circus got a bit mixed up. The show was side-walled at Rosenberg, Texas when the canvas spool truck was down with a broken axle.

The big top was up, with all center poles at Beaumont, but the marquee wasn't here.

..... Tax Dreyfus

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MATTEL REPORT (Continued)

Ringling Bros. and will be amortized against future revenues, if any. The ultimate realization of the investment in Circus World is dependent upon obtaining financing to complete the project (currently estimated to approximately \$66 million) and the success of the project after completion, or the sale of Ringling Bros. for not less than its net book value.

Pursuant to its \$8,600,000 Bank term loan agreement, Ringling Bros. must comply with certain financial covenants (all of which were complied with at Feb. 2, 1974). The loan is payable at \$700,000 in 1974; \$1,600,000 in 1975; \$1,800,000 annually in 1976 through 1978 and \$900,000 in 1979, plus interest at 3% above the banks prime rate. The agreement restricts borrowings other than \$2,500,000 borrowed by Ringling Bros. after Feb. 2, 1974, the payment of which was guaranteed by Mattel, Inc., prohibits payment of dividends and except for payment of operating expenses, prohibits expenditures on Circus World after May 15, 1974

On Page 17, Note 7 reads in part:

In June 1973, a class action was initiated by a former shareholder of Ringling Bros. - Barnum & Bailey Combined Shows, Inc., seeking to recover, on be-



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half of all persons receiving Mattel Common Stock pursuant to the acquisition of Ringling by Mattel, as yet indeterminable damages for alleged violations of Federal securities laws. On Nov. 15, 1973, the Court entered its Order staying further proceedings until Oct. 19, 1974.

In Feb. 1974, companion Federal and state class actions were initiated by former shareholders of Ringling seeking to recover, on behalf of all persons receiving Mattel Common Stock pursuant to the acquisition of Ringling by Mattel, damages of not less than \$40 million resulting from alleged inaccuracies in information supplied by Mattel and included in a proxy statement issued by Ringling in connection with the acquisition. The Company was served on March 20, 1974, with an amended complaint in the Federal action and is currently reviewing the matters alleged therein. The Company has not been served with a complaint in the state action.

# notes

The De Wayne Circus is playing dates in the Northwestern states and reportedly is not going into Alaska this year.

The Russell-Johnson Circus failed to make its second attempt to get out on the road.

## fair visit

Carnival folks recently seen at Expo 74 in Spokane, Wash included Jo Ann and Larry Davis (Carnival Time Shows) and Mary Lou and Lloyd Hilligoss (Foley & Burk Shows).

### CHARGES MADE (Continued)

is a point which should be made clear to ticket buyers.

A request for a temporary restraining order was turned down by the judge. However, all parties agreed that money collected at Trenton would be kept in a local bank until the dispute is settled.

Ohio's Charitable Solicitation Laws do not set a specific amount that must go to charity,, but do require that the amount be reasonable. In the past, says a representative for the Attorney General's Office, "reasonable" has amounted to 25% or 30% for administrative costs - in this case the circus - and 70% to 75% for the charity.

# NOSTALGIA

Pittsfield, Mass. - June 16, 1919

The Sells Floto Circus arrived here on Sunday (June 15), coming from Framingham, Mass. The train arrived at 10:45 a.m. and consists of: 14 flat cars, 6 horse cars, 1 stock car, seven sleepers and 44 wagons, plus one tractor, 2 autos and 3 small carts.

They started to unload as soon as the cars were spotted and every thing was off the train by 12:30 just after lunch. The cars and wagons are all painted white, while the sleepers are white and yellow.

All of the tents were set up by 3 p.m. but the big top was left until Monday morning. Two of the big elephants were used to pull wagons around, and the tractor was used to pull wagons from the train to the lot. All of the big top poles were painted on Sunday afternoon.

A parade was given at 11 a.m. on Monday, with a big crowd on the streets. All the cages were opened and everything was clean. They have two bands, plus a clown band, two air calliopes and a steam calliopo.

Their tents include: big top, menagerie, 2 side shows, ring top, dressing top, wardrobe, band, dining, cookhouse, draft horse tent, two concession stands and two rather small tents.

The big side show has an air calliopo, wild man, snakes, Hondur



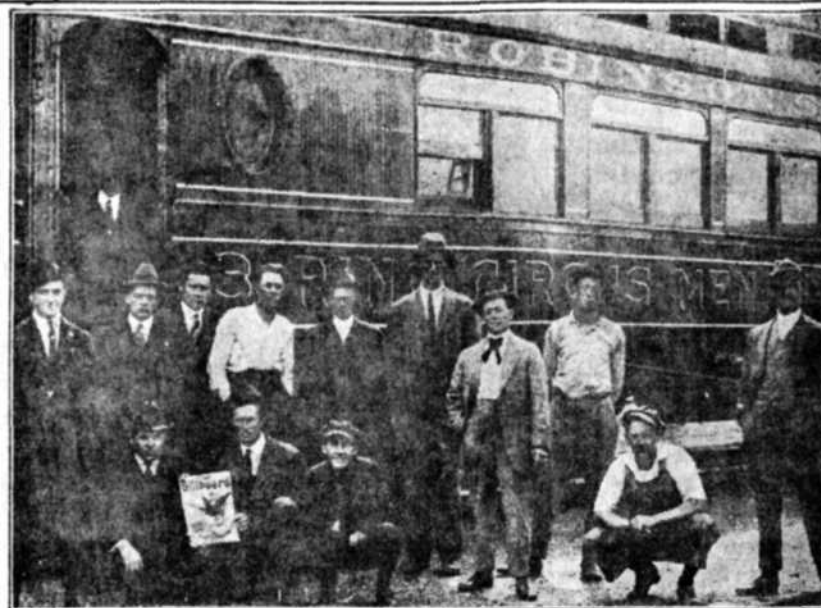
For names of the above see Page 4 of this special supplement.

us Twins, glass blower, monkeys, mind reader, magic and fat girl. The other side show features the pinheads.

Housed in the menagerie are 8 elephants, 6 camels, 2 ostriches, 2 concession stands and 10 cages-- 2 lions, 4 leopards, 1 zebu, a hippo, 3 monkeys, 2 tigers, 3 lions, 2 lions, 2 lions, 2 ostrich

The dining and draft horse top were taken down about 6 p.m. The menagerie came down about 9 p.m. with the side shows coming down at 9:30 p.m. The big top was on the wagons by 11:30 pm and the train was ready to go by 1 a.m.

It was a warm day and big crowds attended both shows, which were very good. The big top was loaded on a spool wagon, which is turned by a gasoline engine.



The crew of Advertising Car No. 1, Robinson's Famous Circus, is shown here at San Francisco in Mar of 1916, when they fought the Al G. Bernas show. Standing in the doorway is Manager Al Butler, later on RBBB; Standing l.t.r. are: Johnny Brassil, later on RBBB Car No. 1; Bill Polkinhorn; Mike Beck; Howard Rexroat; Ownie Dempster; S. Leslie; B. Holden; S. Holmes; Al Lindley. In lower row are S. Maxie; George B. (Spike) Hennessey later on the Hagenbeck-Wallace opposition brigade; Frank Maharrey, later on RBBB No. 2 car opposition. The other man's name is not known.



Shown above are some of the personnel on the Chas. L. Alderfer Circus in 1913, its first season. l.t.r. are: Nick Carter, clown; Scott Ruth, trapeze; Chas Welch, acrobat; Sylvia Alderfer, wire walker; (later became Mrs. Ralph Christy); Bert Pitts, clown; Mary Alderfer Solts, aerialist who was killed in a fall while performing at Detroit; Mrs. Emma Alderfer, wife of Charles L. Alderfer; Roy Alderfer, and Charles L. Alderfer.

Members of Advertising Car No. 1, Carl Hagenbeck Trained Wild Animal Circus B. E. Wallece Shows Combined, of 1916, are shown at bottom left. The men are: J. E. Eviston, car mgr.; Fred Erwin, Red Gaynor, Tom Godfrey, boss billposter; Herb Russey, Mr. Walters; Dewey Rogers; Dad Miller; Gene Stats, boss bannermen; Artie Drake, Maurice Marlow, Martin J. Ench, R. L. Seymour, and Fred (Billy) Fredenheimer.

Pictured at lower right is the personnel of Advertising Car No. 4, of Pawnee Bill's Wild West Show of 1904. Names of the first, second, fourth, fifth and the cook are unknown. Others are: Robert Weite, Jimmie Jones, William T. Upham, Walter Kettlewood, Mark E. Wisheart (later on RBBB); James Baker, Minor Bell, Jack Scott, Bert Layden, Polly Akins, Danny Hackett. Seated on the rear of the car is Car Manager Paul W. Herrell.



Shown above is Prof. Roberts band on the Campbell Bros. Circus of 1916. Prof. Roberts' three sisters are in the band - first and third person in front row and one on right in second row. The others are: Second from left in front row Marlo Le Fors (Edna Taylor) of the high pole act; the drummer is Mrs. Tol (Grace) Teeters. In the second row are: Mrs. Babe Green; Prof. Roberts; Mrs. Berry (of Berry and Hicks).





Performers on Cooper Bros. Circus in 1917, shown here are: Le Roy Leonhart, clown and contortionist; Amelia Whittie, who later worked with the Aerial Lakes; Littlebit Leonhart and Bob Cook, bannerman and clown. The child is Georgie White; the lady sitting on the right is unknown, but is believed to have been a side show dancer.

### PHOTO TITLE

The picture on Page 1 of this supplement was taken on the Sparks Circus (date unknown). Shown l.t.r are: Walter Guice; a Japanese performer who was with Downie Bros. in 1937; Minert De Orlo; George A. Hough, a newspaper publisher; and a clown, whose name is not known.

The picture of the girl, to your immediate left, is from an advertisement that the Al G. Barnes-Sells Floto Circus used in 1938.