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Hanneford Signs Chicago

The Medinah Shrine Temple's 1979 circus will be produced by the Royal Hanneford Circus, according to a joint announcement by Glenn Parkins, the show's executive director and Tommy Hanneford, producer/director.

The contract was signed on Aug. 18th, following a series of meetings between the showmen and officials of the Shrine Temple. The circus dates have been set for March 5 to 25th.

In the meantime the Hanneford Circus productions have completed a successful engagement at Cape Cod, directed by Glenn Parkins. The circus at Americana Park in Ohio, with Tommy and Struppi Hanneford, will close on Sept. 4th, and a Hanneford Thrill Circus is underway at St. Paul.

The Royal Hanneford Circus' regular fall tour will start on Sept. 8th at Holland, Mich., and will keep the show on tour until late this year. However, Hanneford will continue to provide a circus program for the Americana Park each weekend this month - Sept. 9-10, 16-17 and 23-24.

The show's new cannon act is expected to debut during the performances at Knoxville, Tenn. on Oct. 6-8 and will be featured at all of the upcoming dates and during 1979, buildings

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The Royal Hanneford Circus will open its 1979 season at Miami, Fla., which will be followed by a series of Shrine dates along the Atlantic Coast.



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INTERVIEW

EDWARD RUSSELL

(From the Sheboygan (Wisc) Press of Aug. 5th, with a few changes).

A college graduate, Ed Russell was a math, science, and physical education teacher for a Los Angeles County junior high. Then he ran off and joined the circus, "And I've been happy ever since," he adds.

The 43 year old performance director for the Carson & Barnes Circus says there are similarities between working for a circus and teaching junior high. "Here you're working with lions and tigers, there you're working with teenagers," he said, "So there's not much difference."

"At least the lions and tigers stay in their seats when you tell them too. The parents of the lions and tigers don't come in and tell you just how you should be treating their children either."

Like many other little boys, Russell wanted to join the circus when he grew up. He dreamed about being a lion tamer. Unlike other little boys, Russell's dream came true.

"Two years ago I substituted as lion trainer for two weeks when our show's lion trainer got chewed up. I was petrified. I decided that wasn't what I wanted to do after all."

This is Russell's 12th year with a circus. He says his parents now accept his profession. "I became a school teacher for them. Then I finally decided to do what I wanted to do. I started a large side show and began to tour the west coast.

"My parents have been around the show. Now they see that it's just another job - a way of life. In fact I think they're a little jealous. I've seen more of the country than they'll ever see."

Russell says it is a good life. "It's not hard," he adds. "All your friends are right here moving with you. After two weeks at home I'm ready to go again. I'm a magician during the winter."

According to Russell the pay isn't bad either. "When I was teaching in '66, teachers made \$6000 a year. My first year out I tripled my salary. We're not halfway through the year and I passed that mark a long time ago."

"I make sure the show gets on," says Russell. "Performers get ill, some have allergies. In Minnesota we

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Show Report

The program presented by Tommy Hanneford's Circus at the Cape Cod Coliseum (Mass.) Aug. 3-6 featured:

Hal Haviland's dogs and pony; The Great Huberto, slide for life; a "Star Wars" spec; Bill Golden, tigers (9); the Dolly Sisters, cradle; Lucky Boys, knock-about; Clowns led by Joe Sherman with Dog Pie; an aerial feature with webs and trapeze; Los Latinos, wire; Eddie Venturo, aerial; the Zerbini Riding act; Satani, novelty number; Wizard of Oz production.

After intermission came: the Olmedas, menage act; Vince Carmen's illusions; a display with bikes, unicycles and teeterboard; Bill Golden with elephants (3); a Motorcycle Thrill act followed by a Patriotic Finale with some 60 Shriners.



YA YA AWADA, juggler, is currently being featured at Circus Circus in Las Vegas.

had mosquitoes go after some people and they got sick. I put in substitutes. My job is like that of a stage manager."

Russell feels you are never too old for the circus, until you die, that is. "Circus people have blood that is 25 to 30% sawdust. When you're too old for the flying trapeze, you become a clown or work in the concession stands. We've got people in their 60's and 70's who are clowns."

Russell's blood is at least 30% sawdust. He has little free time from the profession that pulled him from the classroom and put him under the big top.

But he does enjoy one hobby. In fact he's devoted over 32 years and over \$10,000 to it. Said Russell, "I love to build model circus equipment."

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Circus Vargas
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Sept. 3-4 Ft. Worth, Texas

Great American Circus
Aug. 28 Sistersville, W. Va.

29 Cadiz, Ohio

31 New Lexington

Sep. 1 Grove City

2 Nelsonville

3-4 Huntington, W. Va.

Hanneford's Circus Internationale
to Sept. 4 Middletown, Ohio

Hanneford's Thrill Circus
to Sept. 4 St. Paul, Minn.

Happytime Circus
to Sept. 5 Sacramento, Calif.

Hoxie Bros. Circus
Aug. 28 Hasbrouck Hgts, NJ

29 Linden

30 Hazlet

31 Normandy Beach

Sep. 1 Sussex

2 Raritan

3 Rockaway

Emmett Kelly, Jr. Circus
Aug. 29-Sept. 4 Aurora, Ill.

Lin-Rich Animal Circus
Aug 30-Sep 3 Southfield, Mich.

Hingling-Barnum - Blue Unit
Aug 29-Sept. 4 Oakland, Calif.

Ringling-Barnum - Red Unit
Aug 29-30 Green Bay, Wisc.
Sept. 1-4 Milwaukee

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Aug. 28 Saluta, NC
29 Union, SC
30 Whitmire
31 Ninety-Six

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THE ELEPHANT display on the Texas dates will be one of the largest ever to appear on a major Shrine Circus — a herd of 17 bulls, including the Cristiani, Cuneo, Carden-Johnson and MacDonald bulls. Ad to the sensational novelty imported from South America — three muscular youths, painted gold, reviving the "living statues", not seen in an American circus for years!

When the Wallenda Circus appeared at Warren (Oh) that day was proclaimed "Karl Wallenda Day" and HELEN WALLEND was honored with a Special Proclamation.

NEWS FLASH! The SMAHAS have reportedly signed a 5 yr. pact with TIBOR RUDAS (Resorts International) in Atlantic City. Word has it the Equine Attraction will headline a major hotel, that 12 special box stalls are being constructed beneath the hotel complete with twin elevators and customized ramps.

GARDEN BROS. Circus is closing its season early this year, the end of this month. Many of the acts are set for the Texas dates. Rumor is that IAN GARDEN is planning a Variety Show for a fall tour.

GASTONI informed me that problems have eased somewhat at the border, at least for his agency which imports novelty acts for a lengthy fair route. Gastoni uses a large number of American novelty and circus acts each season.

DOWN RUMOR ROAD: The industry is abuzz with rumors that several big shot showmen are buying into a major tent. These rumors, whether based on anything concrete or not, are really snowballing and speculation is running wild. The names that are being bandied about include a very well known South American showman. Everyone keeps asking me if these stories are true -- I just don't know, so your guess is as good as mine.

VASHEK & KATHY appeared in Cleveland on July 1st at the ROLLING STONES concert. Over 83,000 persons jammed the stadium and the daredevil team reports their reception was Cer-razz-y!

For people who are supposed to be in retirement BILLY & BETTY WOODS sure don't act like retirees: Betty is flying at Circus Circus in Vegas with the MICHAELS (Mel Workmeister is catching), and at the Reno CC, BILLY WOODS is catching in an act that features TONY STEELE

SNAPSHOTS: STACEY MOORE's Madcap Mongrels played the Illions State Fair for Zacchini's Kool Aid Circus. Stacey recently took delivery on a new Chevy Cube Van. . . SANDY DOBRITCH has given up smoking. . . That wedding announcement I wrote in an early column regarding an upcoming marriage for SONJA ZOPPE was totally untrue. . . I, and she, were the vic-

tims of a hoax letter mailed from the Castle Show when that show played Indianapolis. . . When the Carden-Johnson wild animal trainer ankled the show LARRY CARDEN's son GEORGE, stepped in to present the act. . . I'm told GAYLORD MAYNARD is set for a HEE HAW TV segment. . . FRANK & ESTRELETA and the YOUNG TROUPE are spot-dating the Carden-Johnson Circus. . . The Fall Pittsburgh (Pa) Circus will be called the THREE RIVERS CIRCUS, to be staged and produced by GENE CONLEY with equipment furnished by Hamid-Morton. Many of the acts on the Texas Circuit will be on the program. . . ALEXANDRA the GREAT & Co., disco-illusion act, have been touring with the STEVE ROSSI show. . . Did you know GEORGE BURNS once had a seal act and that NANCY WALKER's father was a circus performer? . . . ALBERT RIX, according to reports, is headed for Europe to buy more bears. His season with Circo Atayde was very successful. . . GUY GOSSING officially retired July 30th at Kansas City — he had been traveling with EDDIE SCHMITT who bought the Gossing tiger act. . . The Original RASSINI rocket car is now being performed by OSCAR GARZA who made his debut in Trois Rivieres, Quebec. DEBBIE (Miss Futuristic) VAN SCOYK, quit the act to return to school. . . For several years EDDY VENTURA had the act on the road but gave it up to do a cradle act with his wife JULIE.

ETHEL JENNIER reports a great engagement at Kennywood Park, says they built a special ramp for the dogs, covered the "causeway" with celotex and removed the flower boxes from the stage so the audience could view the comedy of her sheepdog Zack. On the bill with "Legs" Jennier for the 3 weeks were FRANK & ESTRELETA.

Odds n' Ends: AL DAWLEY is ringmaster for the Wallenda Circus. Meanwhile Al and Sue bought a fort at Savannah Beach and are building on TOP of it. One of the gun emplacements will be an indoor swimming pool and one of the Ammo rooms within the fort proper will be Al's den and office. . . TONY DIANO hosted a cook-out on the Wallenda Circus at Warren (Oh) and Garden Bros. concession mgr, RON MORRIS and his crew held their 9th annual Concessionaires Party at Trois Rivieres with plenty of booze and food cooked by the MOORE girls, IRENE YOUNG, CHUCK and MARQUEEN SCHLARBAUM and others.

Clown HENRI FRENCH worked the Trois Rivieres date, clowning the midway. . . MARIO & RIETTA WALLEND are now doing their hanging perch act. . . ARIAS bears made some spots for Emmett Kelly, JR. and will be on Bentley Bros. Circus this fall. . . AFM

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PEOPLE

THE ASHTONS and **THE WAIWRIGHTS** joined the Euroorama Show for the latter part of its season.

DOMINIQUE, pickpocket/comedian/illusionist and **STU SCOTT**, ventriloquist, are featured at the Flamingo Hilton's "Razzle Dazzle" show in Las Vegas.

DANNY DANIELS, comic/organist/juggler writes that the **DANNY "Tex" DANIELS** appearing with "The Mysteries and Magic of Chiron" is another fellow.

BETTY WENDANY's "Funs-A-Poppin" Circus played the San Jose (Calif) Fair with Mille Raede, the Brauns, western acts and Fay Synder's Animals. At the same time another unit of the circus is playing at Movieland's Frontier Town in Southern California thru Labor Day.

HOWARD SCHULTZ and **GIL MILLER**, booking agents, were seen visiting the Euroorama Show during that show's midwestern dates.

LARRY ALLEN DEAN has taken over the Hubert Castle Circus cat act (6 tigers and 3 lions) which was previously presented by **RED HARTMAN**. Red is now working six young lions on the 2nd unit of the Carden-Johnson Circus.

ROBERTA and **HANS WINN** are the proud parents of a baby girl — Natalie — born in Iowa City, Iowa, on Aug. 8th. The new arrival weighed in at 5½ lbs.

REVIEW

ROYAL DANISH CIRCUS

by Clarence Hastings

The Royal Danish Circus performed at the Jackson County Fair in Michigan each day, presenting shows at 1, 3 and 7 p.m. in the new Performing Arts Bowl. They use one ring and the stage.

The program included: Albert Sahlstrom, ringmaster; Curley, the Clown; Chris Alberti, dogs; Bongo, the Almost Human Gorilla; The Almira's juggling; Curley with magic; Chris & John, rolling globes; Rosita & Alberto, plate spinning and Balloon O'Rama.

SPECIAL

At a recent meeting of the Western Colorado Shrine Club attended by producer William Kay, the Club officers voted to donate all profits from their "Best Ever" 1978 Circus to the Shriners Crippled Children's Hospital in the name of Noble Karl Wallenda, who appeared with the Wm. Kay Shrine Circus for the past six seasons.

Joe Davis is president of the Western Colorado Shriners.

Bill Bridger, Jacksonville, Fla., publicity man and a prominent Morocco Temple Shriner, along with Producer Bill Kay will have a special tribute in this year's Morocco Circus program. Karl Wallenda was a feature for many years at the Jacksonville Circus.

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TOM ROBIN filled in for **ENRIQUE LUNAS**, as a flyer, with the **Ray Valentine Flying Act** at **Baton Rouge, La.**, on Aug. 4-5.

DUANE THORPE, clown with **Ringling Red**, wants to set the record straight. He is not a new clown on the show as was recently reported, but has been in the business for 30 years.

JOE SCHMITT, Jr., clown, worked a two day engagement (Aug. 18-19) at the **Ridgmar Mall** in **Ft. Worth, Texas**.

JONNY RIVERS had his **Diving Mules** at the **Fair** in **Sedalia, Mo.**, Aug. 18-27.

KATHERINE HANNEFORD, plus **TOMMY** and **STRUPPI** received a nice write-up in the **Cincinnati (Ohio) Post** this past week.

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The time was in the mid-30's when Huey Long was riding the absolute crest of his power and popularity in Louisiana. His pet love, pride and joy was Louisiana State University in general and its Bengal Tigers team (football) in particular.

Long was determined to make the Tigers a powerhouse team and he was well on the way toward success in this field.

The Confrontation came about when it was brought to Long's attention that on a certain Saturday the circus was coming into New Orleans, in direct competition with one of LSU's biggest football games of the year. This, Long decided, without hesitation, would never do.

He got John Ringling North on the phone and told him he was "sorry and all that Mr. North, but you will just have to call off your circus."

"Governor," said North, "there is just no way one can call off a circus. These bookings are made months and sometimes years in advance. Contracts have been signed, agreements made, arrangements for housing and feeding people, vast publicity programs set in motion - billboards, posters, newspaper advertisements and stories, business commitments and no telling what all else is involved. I'm sorry, sir, but there is just no way you can call off a circus."

"Well, Mr. North, I've got something to tell you. Mr. North, did you ever hear of a stock-dip law?"

"No, Governor, I can't say that I have."

"Well now, Mr. North, it means that every animal that crosses the state line in Louisiana must be dipped in a vat for ticks."

"Mr. North, did you ever try to dip a tiger?"

In the face of such an irrefutable argument, Mr. North had no choice but to call off the circus.

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Show Acts

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by Verne Sadler

On Aug. 15th, the Canadian Broadcasting Co., TV (Toronto) had a half hour documentary on the 100 years of the Canadian National Expo which is being celebrated this year.

Thanks to film footage furnished by the Conklin Shows, glimpses of their show in 1937, first of their years with the CNE, were shown. Prior to that Johnny J. Jones and Rubin & Cherry held down the midway. After the war years the Expo was again opened in 1947 and color footage was shown of Terrell Jacobs and his show front which was set up with the Conklin Shows.

This year, in celebration, Conklin Shows will have a 1928 vintage midway along with their usual powerhouse of rides, shows and concessions. The 1928 fashion will be as complete as possible with costumes of that year.

Miscellaneous

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PEOPLE

DANA and CHUCK ARMSTRONG were house guests of the SIKORSKY family (Aug. 4-9) at Baltimore, Md. during a brief summer break for both.

Dana, whose maiden name was Novotny, and Chuck are with Roberts Bros. Circus, performing a single trap head balancing act, a swinging perch act and web, and last year were with King-Cole. The Sikorskys have also been with Roberts Bros., doing unicycle, juggling and rolling globe.

By coincidence Dana and Chuck arrived the same day as a scheduled wedding shower was held for Tom Sikorsky's fiance, DIANE NEIDERMEYER. They will be married in late October.

Diane, as many readers may recall, performed with Circus Kirk, working with Bob Kline in a cradle act, as well as doing trapeze, web and gymnastics. She fell during a performance in Indiana, Pa., when Circus Kirk was appearing along with a CMB Convention.

To add an additional bit of information, the girl who removed her make-up and filled-in for Diane was Kathy Herb, of San Diego, who has been a member of Clown Alley on Ringling Red for several years. One other young man who was with Circus Kirk at that time was Leonard Ciaccio, of Baltimore, who is also a clown with Ringling, on the Blue Unit.

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IN MEMORIAM

EDWARD M. HOSKINSON (68) died May 7th after a bout with cancer. He operated pony rides and concessions on circuses and carnivals and at one time was a partner in the operation of the H & L Circus. He was also a well known builder of props for circus acts and his facilities were always used as a "rest stop" for acts passing by.

Survivors include his wife, Ruby, and two sons, Paul of Hoskinson's Animals of Distinction and Lyle a former clown and announcer on thrill shows.

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Show Folks

by Clayton Wood

Joe and Eva Horwath recently acquired a 2½ yr. old chimp. This gives them a total of four animals. Joe says the new addition has not been worked and will take some time before it can be fitted into the routine. Joe and Eva are one of the variety acts with Stu Miller's Magic Time USA Show.

Raul Alvarez and the Flying Alvarez Troupe have returned to the states following a successful stand at Tivoli Gardens in Copenhagen. Joe Bauer, who set the date, said they were well received at Tivoli and Cirkus Scott in Sweden and have been asked to return in 1979.

Stu Miller has updated the old sawing a lady in half trick with an open buzz saw. Stu is using a gasoline powered chain saw. The noise reminds one of Vashek with his motorcycle on the inclined wire. The performance we saw at Barrington, Ill., was the very first time he had added the new trick to the show. It was still a little rough and the band became so interested they forgot to play. A verbal nudging from the professor on stage and the red-faced musicians picked up the cue. Needless to say the audience loved it.

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Greater American Circus (not to be confused with Hoxie Tucker's Great American Circus) is really a carnie with a couple of free acts. The show played in Carpentersville, Ill. this spring and had Geraldos sky wheel and Hal Haviland's dogs and pony. The repeated recently using Hunky Johnson's Bears and his daughter LaVon with a cloud swing. This 11 yr. old has an act complete with breakaway and fireworks.

Charlie Smith, trainmaster and transp. supt. for Ringling Red is rapidly recovering from surgery to repair a double hernia. The operation took place in Venice, Fla. and Charlie rejoined the show in Tulsa, Okla.

Joyce Rice has returned from England where she was with the Montie Montana western show. She says the lot was so far out of London she didn't get much chance to see the sights.

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SAWDUST TRAIL

by M. L. DUPONT

In my last column I mentioned Lee Keener and the Diano elephants which were with the Wallenda Circus at Natchez. I failed to mention Jeanette who is so much a part of the act, she adds flash and style to a well trained routine, including a leg carry, head mount and knee lift.

DoDo, the Clown and Little Doe played to over 800 children and adults at 4 libraries during the first week of August. The act, an hour long, features many old time clown gags with some comedy magic. Coming up is some promotion work for the TG&Y Chain and several more libraries.

Most everyone knows that the CFA had their Convention in Dearborn, Mich., in conjunction with the Carson & Barnes Circus. Jim Horshman was elected the new president and the 1979 convention site has been selected at Gettysburg, Pa. (June 10-13) and Dr. William E. Hooper, southern vice president, was elected to the new position of President Elect and will be working on the 1980 convention, set for Florida.

Jack Bennett writes that he worked a rodeo in Okla and sold out of everything. He also reports a show was due into Rogers, Ark., but didn't know which one - might be Fisher Bros? (Thanks for the photos Jack).



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Brochures from Circus World show the Museum's schedule runs through Sept. 17th. Prices of admission are \$4.00 for adults, \$2.00 for children 5 to 11 and those under 4 yrs are free.

This reporter often feels that local papers and news media don't really give the circus performers and producers their real due. After all they not only entertain they spend money in the area. So it was with interest that we read the following raves about George Hubler's show. Cleveland Press: "Nothing like it since Ed Sullivan"; Lexington Herald: "The acts were as good as Ringling"; Amarillo News: "Best in these parts in years"; Dodge City Daily Globe: "Gets better every year".

Word received by this writer from various sources confirms that Sells & Gray has closed. A lack of route, business, rain and sponsors were cited as the cause. It was with sorrow that we learn of the closing for it was a good show. We hope they will be out again soon.

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Program

The International 3-Ring Circus featured at Honolulu's Neal Blaisdell Center (Aug. 10-20) was presented by Kane Fernandez and Ralph Yempuku, and produced by Paul V. Kaye. The show's musical director was Jack Cervone and Bob Welz was the announcer.

Featured in the program were: Jeannette Rix, bears; The Bannister Duo, cradle; Berosini's riding tiger; Ruth Ann, sponge dive; Oktar, juggling; Great De Mille, wire; the Megres Duo; Mmle. Louise, doves; Najeau, Lorelei and Astra, aerialists; Toka & Bobo, chimp/elephant/yak presented by Ed Drake; Glydas' ponies; The Flying Lunas, flying act; Pat Anthony, lions/tigers; The Winn Duo, aerial motorcycle; The Knops, perch; The Dymeks, vaulting; Ottini, balancing; Sebestyens Poodles; Harold Alzana, high wire. Clown Alley included: Mark Anthony, Blinko & Maran; Ken Miller; Chris Bricker, Abe Goldstein and Bill Vaughn.

PLEASE NOTE

Please take note - we do not want people to think that Bentley Bros. Circus was in any way involved in that non-payment of acts action by a circus on the west coast this past spring.

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Billy Barton (Continued)

contacted me to say they DO permit Canadian musicians to work in the USA provided they have the proper papers and are paid-up members. . . Another letter from Texas informs me that BLINKO & MARAN are "out" only for this year, that they will be back in '79. The committees felt a change of format was needed, at least for one season.

The Conroe (Tex) Courier profiled RAY VALENTINE, calling him a "swinger". Well...NONE of us can take exception to THAT!

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Magic Time USA (Prof. Miller)
Aug. 29 Kalispell, Montana

Royal American Shows
to Sept. 4 St. Paul, Minn.

Royal Horse Fair
Aug 31-Sep 4 San Rafael, Calif.

The Sikorsky's (Juggling/Unicycle)
Sept. 1-4 Chatham, N. Y.

Tip Top Shows
Aug 31-Sept 4 Plymouth, Wisc.

IN MEMORIAM

GENE CHRISTIAN (76) died at Bradenton, Fla., on June 17th after a battle against cancer. For many years he was a booking agent for such shows as Beers-Barnes, Cole & Walters, Royson Bros., etc. Burial was in Bradenton.

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MAIL:AC

by Rich Baumann

It might be beneficial to your readers to learn the latest information about the Clark County Fairgrounds at Springfield, Ohio. It seems they are charging as much as \$14.00 per day per family for circus performers who have lay-over there recently. This is up from the \$4.00 per day fee charged just last year.

However, there have been reports from various performers that charges have varied from \$8.00 to \$14 per day, evidently depending on the mood of the management.

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I would like to take the opportunity to congratulate General Manager Black, his staff and performers of the King Bros. Circus for the professional and excellent manner in which they handled a bad situation caused by rain and winds of near hurricane force on Thursday, July 27, 1978, in Glens Falls, New York.

As I am sure you know, about 10 minutes after the start of the 4:30 show we were hit by a very bad wind and rain storm. It appeared that the tent might be blown down. Rain was pouring through and the wind was terrific. Spectators at the far end of the tent started to exit by running the length of the tent and this caused the other spectators to start evacuating their seats in a near panic manner. There was no stopping them once they had started. Immediately your announcer started giving EXIT instructions over the public address system and all performers and other circus persons in that tent stopped the public from running and directed them to the side exits to avoid a bottleneck at the main entrance. Everyone left safely and orderly.

Miscellaneous

William Kay Productions will provide all entertainment, publicity and promotion for the Pacific Northwest Shrine Association Convention in 1979, as well as for the Mid-west Shrine Convention in 1980. Bill Kay will serve as M.C. as well as direct both Shrine extravaganzas.

After the storm as many people as possible returned to the tent for the rest of the performance. Some people had left the show grounds and returned for the evening show and were admitted without tickets upon their request.

Also witnessing the above was Jimmy Cotter of the CFA and Robert Harter from the Safety and Health Division of the New York State Department of Labor. They both praised the Kiwanis and Circus for handling of the incident. Mr. Harter was at the show on official business of inspecting the circus equipment.

Again my congratulations to your staff with the King Bros. Circus.

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News from NYC: Tannen's Magic Co. just had a very serious fire destroying parts of the show room and stock room. Extent of loss is major. . . Producers Joe Bernes and Elias Dishi plan to continue the Richardi show at the Village Gate despite rather slow business . . . The recent SAM national convention at the Waldorf-Astoria featured among others the legendary John Calvert. Long associated with a big full evening show he did only small bits and mental effects at the convention. . . This year's annual IBM public show at Hunter College on Oct. 31st will be produced by the venerable Al DeLage. . . By finally securing a pro as a producer this year's event should be a fine show.

Our mid-west swing with Magic Time USA brought but many notables. Producer Ward Hall, builder Dick Berry, and well-known magician De Lip Yoo all made our big date in Aurora. . . Showman C. R. Christ was on hand in Milwaukee. . . Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Fengal, Clayton Wood and many others visited many different times.

A public thanks to Billy Barton, Jimmy Douglas, Wes and Flo Oler and others for the hospitality extended us at the Dobritch date in Wheaton, Ill.

We laid off for a few days at Baraboo, along with the Nordmark Int'l Circus and had a nice visit with Hines and Patti Rucker and the gang. At the Circus World Museum Greg Parkinson (and his dad) showed us some great old files on Houdini and others. The museum has lots of old material on magic shows as well as the circus. They have a fine show this year with such stellar performers as Mike and Randow Rice, and

Miscellaneous

The Coca Cola bottling firm in Tulsa, Okla., reportedly is having its best summer ever. They are unable to keep up with the demand for "Coke".

The Beatty-Cole Circus is featured in the August '78 issue of Playboy magazine - Page 214.

PEOPLE

SCOTT PARKER, RBBS Blue Unit advance clown, was in Oakland, Calif., last week and paid a visit to the local Children's Hospital.

HAL HAVILAND, who had his dogs and pony at the recent Cape Cod Coliseum show reports the PHIL MORRIS patriotic finale was an outstandingly motivating number.

ROBERT ROBINSON who caught the Gatini Circus in Nova Scotia reports the elephant act presented by GEE GEE ENGESESSER is a fast moving and well trained presentation.

Harry Thomas. Don and Grace Kidder of Sarasota were also on hand at Baraboo.

Heading northwest we have been criss-crossing with Phil Morris' 'Wizard of Oz' show doing dates for Bill English. We missed visiting with Phil's magician/mgr Mike Straka by one day in Devils Lake (ND). . . The Dennis Loomis show is also in the area, but I am sorry to say we have not caught up with them yet. . . Our business has been good, but the jumps are long and hard. . . Our Stage Mgr., Bob Owen, has also at times been show mechanic and has done a great job keeping the fleet moving.

Jim Green is doing very well with his own dates this summer. In Sept. look for several of the full evening shows to be back in action. . . Ken Griffin has been with a tent-rep show this summer but will soon be back on the full evening dates. . . Ditto for Jerry Conklin who has been with Martin & Downs Circus in Canada this summer. He will be on L. G. Gordon's dates in Sept. . . The Nordmark magic opus has been off for the summer months but opens again Sep. 25. We will soon be in Idaho and are looking forward to meeting new fans and magicians.

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