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August 29, 1977

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Court Battle Underway

While circus owner Otto Berosini was in a Bradenton (Fla.) court trying to regain custody of his animals a trained mule "Pepito" died (Aug. 12) at a nearby ranch. According to a veterinarian for the Equine Rescue Service, Dave Heinze, the mule died from a ruptured colon. He said an earlier examination showed the mule "was in fairly good condition." There was no evidence of improper care, he added.

Early this month Berosini was charged with cruelty to animals and his animals were impounded on orders from Boots Pallister, an agent for the Equine Rescue Service. At that time Berosini said he feared for the safety of his animals once they were out of his control. The Equine Rescue Service was unfamiliar with the animals, he said, and couldn't give them proper care.

Berosini reports the mule's intestines were buried. "We wanted our own vet to examine the evidence, but she (Mrs. Pallister)

got rid of it." Berosini thinks the mule may have died from pneumonia from having been left out in the rain.

Half of Berosini's animals are in Sarasota and the other half are in Bradenton. Mrs. Pallister wants the court to take the animals away from Berosini

The charges have all been denied by Berosini who was granted "visiting rights" by County Judge Edwin Cummer. A final ruling on who gets custody of the animals will be made by Bradenton Judge Aflin Garst.

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In Memoriam

TUBBY HALE (65), former owner of Hale's Carnival, died at Corning, Iowa, on Aug. 5th. He was known as "Santa Claus in a T-Shirt" because of his gifts to retarded children. He regularly provided free rides and food for children wherever his show played.

The carnival was started in 1908 by his father and was owned by Tubby and his mother. Last January they sold the show to James Roller, of Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Survivors include his mother, Fern and a niece, Gloria Arnone, who still works with the carnival.

HUGO SCHMITT (73), elephant trainer with the Ringling-Barnum Circus for some 25 years, died at Sarasota, Fla., on Aug. 10th. Born in Bann, Germany, he came to the U. S. from Sweden and spent more than 50 years in circus business. Survivors include his wife, Jenny P., four sons, Hugh, Manfred, Roman and Eddie, as well as two sisters in Germany.

DOLLY CONNERS (70) a long-time circus performer, died at Gainesville, Texas on July 20th. She worked with her husband, Jimmy, in tight wire, rolling globe and animal acts, performing in circuses throughout the country as well as in night clubs and theatres. Survivors include her husband, Jimmy and two sons, David and Michael.

Miscellaneous

The Skateboard Expo Int'l tour has been cancelled following an accident in which a show truck was demolished and the driver was killed. All show props and equipment were also lost.

The Early American Circus held an old-fashioned circus parade in San Mateo

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Steve McPeak, a Las Vegas aerialist, who set a record last June by staying aloft 14 days on a highwire at the Steel Pier, now is planning a 3 mile long high wire walk over Central Park in New York City.

Steve revealed his plans on Aug. 7th, after performing a sunrise wedding on the beach. The 30 year old performer is an ordained minister in the "Church of Life".

United in marriage were James Zoppe and his bride, the former Mefalda Zamperla, both 23. The couple took only a six hour honeymoon before Zoppe returned to his job as a bareback rider with the Hanneford Family Circus on the Steel Pier.

McPeak, who says he likes to "walk where angels tread" said, This was my first wedding. I did it only because no priest in the city wanted to get up early for the ceremony.

... M. L. DUPONT

PEOPLE

DICK DRAKE, Circus Vargas elephant man, has revamped the elephant numbers and now all three rings of elephants have new routines.

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31 Rice Lake
Sept. 1 Wisconsin Rapids
2 Neenah
3 Portage
4 Whitewater
5 Oak Lawn, Ill.

Circus Vargas
Aug. 26-30 Levis, Quebec
31-Sep 1 Riviere du Loop
Sept. 2-4 Rimouski

Clyde Bros. Carden-Johnson
Sept. 2 Center, Texas
3-4 Gladewater
5-6 Tyler

Early American Circus
Aug 29-Sep 5 San Mateo, Calif.

Bobby Gibbs Circus
to Sept. 11 Baraboo, Wis.

Hall & Christ Circus Unique
Sept. 1-5 Canfield, Ohio

Tommy Hanneford Circus
to Sept. 5 Lake George, N. Y.

Hoxie Bros. Circus
Aug. 29 Verona, N. J.
30 Lodi
31 Netcong
Sept. 1 Newton
2 Sussex
3 Seaside Park

Hoxie's Great American Circus
Aug. 29 Frostburg, Md.
30 Thurmont
31 Gettysburg, Pa.
Sept. 1 Elizabethtown
2 New Port
3 Enola

Hubler International Circus
Sept. 1 Burton, Ohio

Emmett Kelly, Jr. Circus
Aug 30-Sep 5 Brentwood, L.I.N.Y.

Martin & Downs Circus
Aug. 29 Deer Lake, Nfld
30 Stephenville Crossing
31 Port-aux-Bayne
Sept. 1 North Sidney, N. S.
2 St. Peters
3 Guysborough
4 Trenton
5 Montague, P.E.I.

Polack Bros. Circus
Sept. 3-4 Reno, Nev;

Ringling-Barnum - Red Unit
Sept. 1-5 San Francisco, Calif.

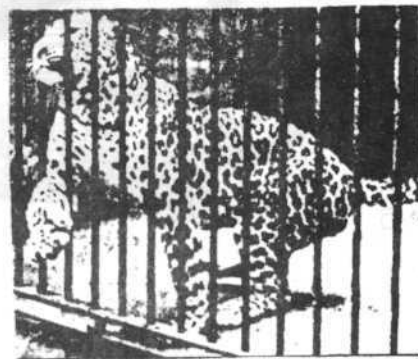
Royal Danish Circus
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Sells & Gray Circus
Aug. 29 Dubuque, Iowa
30 Maquoketa
31 Clinton

Sep. 1 Freeport, Ill.
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4 Plano
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BILLY BARTON

SUPERSCOOP INTERVIEWS: Rumors that HOWARD SUEZ bought SID KELLNER's big top and equipment are only partially true: I contacted the veteran showman in Texas where he confirmed he had put a deposit of \$5,000 on the George Matthews Circus equipment, but when it was not possible to bring his people out of Mexico the project was abandoned.

The story is this: Suez planned a Country-Western styled variety show to tour under canvas starring big name, well-known Mexican talent. Immigration laws have become so stringent any attempt to import the performers was blocked. It was possible, however, to engage the people for the state of Texas but NOT a nationwide tour, so Suez decided against the move and told Sid the deal was off.

Meanwhile, Howard and his company are handling a Mexican cowboy, Vincent Fernandez, plus a comedian, Capulina, both of whom have Green Cards, and, in addition, a super-talented highwire/singer comedian, Andres Nieto, who is not Mexican and who has been booked at Baseball Games throughout the U.S.

On the heels of Howard's call, SID KELLNER phoned to confirm the above, adding his show was still for sale at a price of \$30,000 which is actually a fair price considering that much of the equipment is servicable. The aluminum poles alone are worth a lot of money and a few of the trucks are in good running order, the light plant is okay, the office wagon and cookhouse unit are good. Sid said a new motor will fix-up the spool truck, but it is my opinion a fork lift is twice as advantageous and is easier on the new cable tops.

On the other hand, Sid remarked, that if he can reorganize he would get back on the road. He says \$10 grand would put him in operation (?) — maybe — at any rate I would like to see him out again. As a performer I can say in all honesty in Sid's defense that he doesn't owe me a nickel.

The rumor that Sid and Lovie reconciled was also verified. "She moved in for 7 weeks, then moved out again and is now married to Fred Guessin." Kellner said it was not true that he was promoting those Akron-Cleveland dates for Carson & Barnes, but he turned the dates over to Dorey.

He also remarked that his cat act, sent to South America, is still there and he cannot get them out. Two of the three cats died and the act is now with Robert Meluzzi although Sid's cat man JEFF WAG-

NER has returned to the U. S. Now that I've spiked a few rumors lets go. . . .

DOWN RUMOR ROAD: That the fabulous CHRISTOPHER JAMES and the PLUNKETT Family will tour in 1978 with Circus Vargas. If anyone can make a star out of this young man it is Cliff, and I HOPE this rumor is true.....Despite rumors that the Beatty-Cole Circus would return to its former promotional format, reliable sources say no such move is planned. The shopping center format, despite its roller coaster rise and dip in money dates, is to continue throughout the season and new tie-ins and publicity gimmicks will be implemented for the '78 tour — also in shopping centers.

RBBB's Blue Unit did not make Lexington (Ky) because of problems over concessions, etc., with the building.It's been reported that PAUL and JUDY KAYE have resolved their differences....BILLY RODGERS' new building is going along on schedule despite problems and he is undecided as to whether he will go back on the road in 1978.

SNAPSHOTS: BILLY EARL (Sells & Gray) reports MIKE MARTIN (playing Malls in Ohio) was a recent visitor....HAROLD SPOHN, fat man in the CV side show, suffered his 4th heart attack during the Vargas Salt Lake City date and returned to his Gibsonton home.....PHIL and LINDA CHANDLER (Hoxie Bros) have a new truck and trailer.....DONNA (Wilson) and BILL BANNISTER will play some fall spots for HUBBLER, ditto MIMI ZERBINI in 1978.....There is a new edict on RBBB Red: NO Kids in the Dressing Room.

On the Scene with Hoxie's Great American: Here the show is well-painted, the equipment is washed frequently and the show boasts one of the prettiest midways on the road. However, a help problem must exist because it is fairly slow getting up and down. They lost their camel, and MAUREEN McQUIRE demolished her camper on a rainslick mountain. Mgr. BILL HILL replaced it with a beautiful new unit, plus a new carryall....Elephant man RICK PASCA is also sporting a new truck....BUCK NOLAN has joined the CBers.....JIM and BEVERLY ROYAL plan to return in '78, she doing loop trapeze. For a gal who was never in the air before this season does a terrific pro-job....BILLY and IVY GUNGA managed a quick visit to their New Castle (Pa) home when the show was in that area.... The Gorilla Show was left behind

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ROUTES

- Century 21 Shows - Blue Unit
Aug. 31-Sept. 5 Topeka, Kans.
- Century 21 Shows - Red Unit
Sept. 2-10 Chattanooga, Tenn.
- James H. Drew Shows
Aug. 29-Sept. 3 Pennington Gap, Va.
- Foley & Burk Shows
Sept. 1-5 San Rafael, Calif.
- Ice Capades
Aug. 29-Sept. 4 Duluth, Minn.
- Magic Time USA - Prof. Miller
Aug. 30 Bergenfield, N. J.
31 Hackensack
Sept. 3 Manville
- James E. Strates Shows
Aug. 30-Sept. 5 Syracuse, N. Y.
- This Is Hawaii. . . On Ice
Aug 30-Sept 4 Manila, Phil.

PEOPLE

KARL WALLEDA and the Wallenda Troupe of High Wire performers will be the subject of a special TV film that NBC will produce for airing in early 1978.

JOSIP and CAROL MARCAN will tour on the Texas dates after completing their engagement in Hawaii for Paul V. Kaye. The Marcan lions are proving to be a popular show act.

RON PERRY and PAULETTE BRAUN open with the Holiday Hippodrome Show today (Aug. 29) and will tour with the show through Dec. 18th.

KAYE SCHEIMAN and BILLY BARTON were photographed as they chatted at the LaPorte Fair early this month when an AB photographer was on hand to see and film acts appearing at the fair show.

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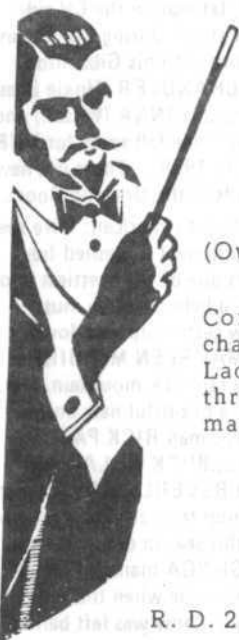
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From Hawaii

The sixth annual Int'l 3-Ring Circus, produced by Paul V. Kaye, opened an eleven day run at Blaisdell Center in Honolulu on Aug. 11th. As always it was a strong show and the opening night reviews were excellent. The line-up this year is almost entirely new, with only a few acts having appeared here before. Many of the acts had recently completed an extended and highly successful tour with Paul Kaye in Japan.

Program features included: Blinko and Maran, balloon warm-up; Spec with entire cast; Ramon and Najean, loop trapeze and single trapeze; Josip Marcan, African lions (11); The Jupiter Trio, aerialists; The Kniesleys, aerialists; the clowns; The Valdez Duo, Torino Bros. and the Andrews Duo, jugglers; Donna Mitchell, foot slide; Moore's Mongrel Revue; Clowns; Antonio Trio, dressage; Web number with 12 girls and featuring La Gran Robert; Lance Link's Chimps; Horton's Bears; Judy Kaye and elephant Dolly; Clowns; Mr. Bell, chair balance; the Olmedas, bicycles; Sergis, trampoline; Norbu, almost human gorilla; Intermission.

The second half opened with the Flying Ramos, featuring Sergio in the triple somersault; Clowns; Murillo & Ulises, balancing; Kaye's Hollywood Elephants, worked by Judy Kaye and introducing a new baby African; Valentino, high wire; Wendy and Walt teeterboard; the Seven Alex-

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anders, teeterboard; The Nock Bros., sway pole act and the Finale.

The band was directed by Jack Cervone; announcing was handled by Bob Welz, and Clown Alley featured Blinko, Tim Hill, Fred Lavine, Neil Kay and Chris Bricker, with Smiley Daley, Jr., producing.

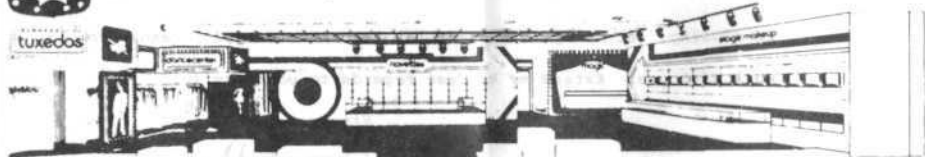
The Int'l 3-Ring Circus is produced locally by Ralph Yempuku, who booked the Japan tour this Spring and by Kane Fernandez, president and general manager of E. K. Fernandez shows.

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A note from William 'Bill' Hooper, CFA Southern vice president and member of the Ed Millette Tent in Dallas, announces a supper and special performance of the "Millette Circus" on Saturday, Oct. 15 - State Fair of Texas and Dr. Pepper Circus. This is the annual "Circus Day" function for Texas. New CFA national president Herman Brandmiller has indicated he will attend.

The July-August issue of CMB's 'Little Circus Wagon' has an excellent article about 'The Circus Train Crew' complete with photos of railroad shows unloading their flats. Oh, for the days gone by!

Bea Stone, RN, CFA and clown, has returned from Europe wher she was the official RN for La. Tech. University European Campus in Rome. On arriving Bea immediately embarked by plane to join her husband Arthur who is with a unit of the American Big Top Circus. Arthur, a former drama professor is a clown and announcer with the show.

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Earl Allen recently authored an article for the St. Louis Globe-Democrat (Aug. 26) about two university groups in Illinois that are helping to keep the circus alive. Earl also reports that Kelly Bros. Circus will play his city of Sikeston, Mo. on Sept. 16 and will be followed ten days later by Sells & Gray Circus.

What weighs more than 33 African elephants? According to the Nat'l Geographic the Blue Whale is the largest creature known. It reaches a length of 100 feet and weighs up to 200 ton - the equivalent of 33 African elephants.

.... M. L. DUPONT

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Fair Acts

A circus, produced by George Hubler, was presented at the La Porte County Fair (La Porte, Ind.) on Aug. 13th, with an 8 p.m. only performance.

The show featured: Wimpey and Joe Sherman, clowns; Zoppe's Unsupported Ladders; Christopher James, tight wire; Susan Sheryll's Royal Afghan Champions; The Plunketts, trampoline; Johnny Zoppe's Rhesus Monkey Revue; Prince Najvez, aerialist; Jeanette and Lee Keener with the Diano elephants and The Luxems, Wheel of Destiny. (The Luxems were the high act for the week).

.... Kaye Scheiman



SHOW REPORT

Sandow's Circus in Britain offers an hour and 15 minute show which features: Miguel Peris and Jackie, plate spinning and comedy knock-about; Lo's Christianis, bird fantasy; Miss Wendy's poodles; Tomato, Flippy and Tobo, circus clowns; Catherina, acrobat; Martini, educated pony; The 100 Tumblers, balancing; The Sandows, roller skating.

Show Staff

The staff for the Carson & Barnes Circus, as listed in the show's program includes: D. R. Miller, president/general manager; Gladys Black general manager/promotional director; Geary Byrd, general superintendent; H. W. Ahrhart, executive agent; Ted Bowman, executive correspondent/historian; Harry Lea Kingston, photography; Charles Bellatti, publicity; Robert J. Hutchinson, outdoor advertising; Barbara Byrd and Isla Miller, wardrobe design; Donald C. Carr, elephant and menagerie superintendent; and E. L. Simmons, transportation.

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PEOPLE

RUCKER's Performing Animals were featured with the Grande Early American Circus on its tour in Michigan. Rucker and Dick Coalriser, of Ohio, operated the show's Petting Zoo.

HENRY SCHROER, a long-time circus man and assistant to GUNTHER GEBEL-WILLIAMS is working tigers, horses and elephants in the Red Unit show for RBBB.

ETHEL and GLEN HENRY had their animals in the 32nd annual Playground Circus at Tyler, Texas early in the month. Next month they work in Oklahoma City and in the meantime are catching up on some work at home.

HARRY JENKINS, circus organist and booker, has been hospitalized for a hip operation. You can send him cards and letters at: 7876 Caminito Huerta, San Diego, Calif. 92122.

K. W. SMITH, clown with Leonardo's Circus in New Zealand, is the only member of the show troupe that is not a part of the family which operates the show.

ADEN and VELMA LOWRY and PATRICK BURDEN visited the Hubert Castle Circus at Joplin, Mo., then the Lowrys along with Mr. & Mrs. CARL WALTER visited RBBB's Blue Un-

BILLY BARTON (Continued)

for several days with CHARLIE MOYER staying with it. A broken axle, plus complications in securing a new one, cost the show \$\$\$ in revenue and an almost \$3,000 repair bill.

L. WILSON POARCH, Jr., of "Southern Sawdust" writes his publication is non-profit. So, my friend, is CR — though not by design.

See you down the road, luvs . . .

it at Tulsa, Okla. Also visiting there were the ALTON JONES family and JOHNNY MAR-IETTA. Johnny's wife, HELEN, entered a hospital at Pittsburg (Kans) for major surgery on Aug. 15th.

BOB and SANDY MOMYER (Roberto & Alexandra) have their magic act booked as a feature at the opening of the Gallery, Philadelphia's new \$100 million mall. They recently appeared with comedian MICKEY SHAUGHNESSY and are scheduled for return dates with Shaughnessy in September and December.

EMMETT CARPENTER, of Wichita, Kans., has been building unicycles and bicycles for show folks for several years. He has built some as high as 18 feet and a two-wheeler for 18 people.

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PEOPLE

ETHEL HENRY sends a special Thank You to GARY and ELINOR DAVISON, of Minneapolis for taking her to the airport when she went to her mother's funeral. The Davison's son, PAT and his wife recently returned to the U. S. after a European tour with the Globetrotters.

JO ANN and "Sunny" musical-comedy seal act is currently appearing with "Paradise On Ice" a New York Ice Revue produced by PHIL SHAPIRO. Miss Jennier was booked by agent ROSE ADAIR.

GEORGE HUBLER spent a day with the Hoxie's Great American Circus this month, visiting with Manager BILL HILL.

BILLY BARTON visited the Beatty-Cole show for several hours at Irwin (Pa) enroute to an engagement with the Hubler Int'l Circus at La Porte (Ind) on Aug. 12th.

WIMEY, the clown and JOHNNY LUXEM's Wheel of Destiny, appeared for the entire run of the La Porte (Ind.) Fair.

ATTENTION

ANYONE knowing Mr. and Mrs. Marty Martin (Eleanor) formerly of Houston, Texas. Please notify an old friend: Sylvia Newton Morris, P.O. Box 6486, Burbank, Calif. 91510. (Heard they were working in a circus as vendors in California).

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Magician Scalzo will be playing Honeymoon Resorts in the Pocono Mountains late this summer....Juggler/unicyclist Ken Sherbourne will be at a Montreal Fair over Labor Day....The Antar Wazzan Family played some dates for the Emmett Kelly, Jr. Circus and also worked at the Altamont (NY) Fair....Charlie Van Buskirk worked the Eastern States Expo and a date in Canada for Gastoni....Carl Bertolino, of Boston, visited with Emmett Kelly, Jr. at Cohasset (Mass).
..... Mike Naughton

PRINCE NAJVEZ is playing fair dates in New England and Canada's Maritime Provinces.

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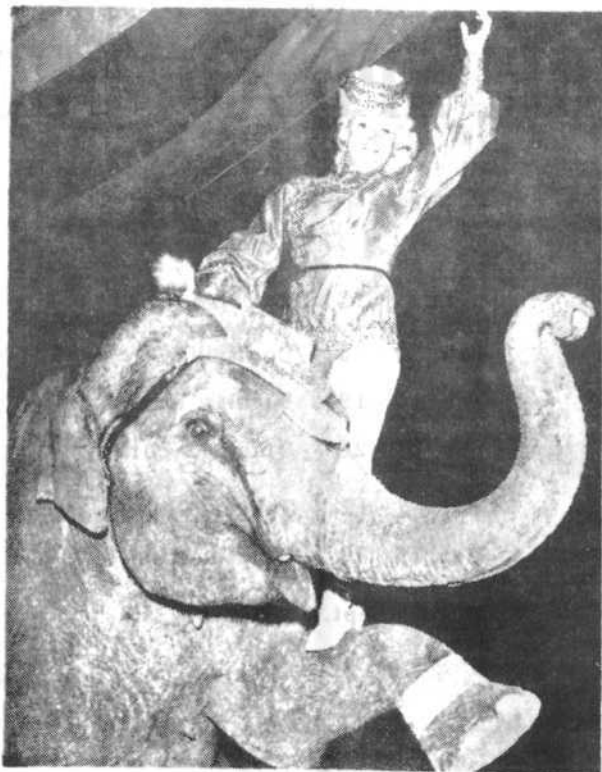
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MAX MORRIS, seal trainer, is touring with the magic-theatre-circus show called "Circo Tihany"

BILL RHODES has been busy visiting the Emmett Kelly, Jr., Circus, Degglers Magic Midway and the Fair at Louisville, Ky.

ATTENTION

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of RAPHAEL HERRERA of Columbia and a former member of the Hernandez Troupe please call collect to Ira Perry.

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MARILEES Flying Act featured with Angel Cristo's Spanish Circus on Ice, now touring in Portugal has two flyers - GRAME CONYERS and FREDDY BOVIL - who do the triple.

BAKER BROWN, a former football star who joined the Ringling-Barnum organization as an accountant, is now the General Manager of the show's Red Unit.

GEORGE BRUNO's daughter, 17 year old MELODY, presents a thrilling sway pole-break-away act on the RBBB Red Unit. The act wins a rousing ovation at every performance.

JON FRIDAY is working with the Hanneford Family Circus at Atlantic City's Steel Pier where he is also the "front talker" for the entire Pier.

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When the Carson & Barnes Circus played at the fair grounds in West Allis, Wisc. (Aug. 6-7) it was home-coming week for Dion Young, the show's wild animal trainer. Dion played to row after row of seats jampacked with old friends and acquaintances.

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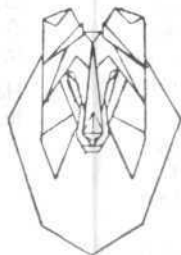
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The show's staff included: Robert Green, music (calliope); Ken Tegals, front door and secretary; Marilyn Silverlake, concessions; Flash Stephens, head butcher; H. C. Sheets, Boots Mad-den and Ken Tegals, agents and Johnny Silverlake, Gen. Mgr., Supt., canvas boss, mechanic, electrician, elephant man and producing clown.

The show's program featured: Yvonne Stephens and Frosty, the high school pony; Boozo, the

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PEOPLE

STEVE FANNING, former circus elephant man and "IRISH" HILL, former circus aerialist, now operate a pony ride on the James E. Strates Shows. They are assisted by HAL HAVILAND, former dog and pony trainer with smaller shows.

HENRY and SALLY PAYNE, who trouped with EVA LEWIS on the J. J. Page Carnival in 1936, visited with Eva's son EMMETT KELLY, Jr., in Louisville (Ky) early this month.

ANGELA WILNOW and her trained collies are featured at the Maine State Fair.

JOHNNY CANOLE was a guest at the Circus World Museum in Baraboo (Wisc) about a week or so ago.

OSCAR BISCIONE, the "Human Torch" was featured at New England's Rocky Point Park on Aug. 15-20, where he presented his Fire Dive twice each day.

GEORGE W. NEELAND, clown, was injured in a head-on car crash on Highway 33, just west of Maricopa (Calif.) on July 30th. He suffered knee and hip fractures.

GERALD SOULES and his "Poodles of Paris" act is a feature of the Ice Follies which is currently playing in San Francisco, Calif.

Miscellaneous

Hoxie's Great American Circus played to two three-quarters houses at Carrollton, Ohio, on Aug. 9th.

The Landes Costume Co., recovering from a fire, has moved to a new location at 811 North Capitol Ave., Indianapolis, Ind. 46204. Their phone number is: (317) 635-3655.

Acts Named

EMMETT KELLY, Jr. CIRCUS - Cohasset, Mass., (Aug. 11): Scalzo & Co., magic; Emmett Kelly, Jr. and Nancy; Joe Phillip's Wonder Dogs; Pat & Mike, comedy; Ken Sherburne, juggling; The Wazzans, tumbling/acro; Myiamba's Baboons; Kosco & Co., clowns; Scalzo, Zig Zag Illusion; The Cyclonians, unicycles; Golden Mist, wonder horse; The Wazzans, trampoline.

HUBLER INT'L CIRCUS - LaPorte, Ind., Aug. 12 - Johnny Laddie & Co., unsupported ladder; Wimpey, clown; Christopher James, wire; Joe Sherman, clown; Susan's Afghans; the Plunkett Family; Zoppe's Rhesus Monkey Revue; Prince Najvez, aerial; Diano's Elephants; Johnny Luxem, Wheel of Destiny.

AK-SAR-BEN FAMILY SHOW - Omaha, Nebr., Aug. 16-21 - Eddy Haddad, orchestra; Soupy Sales, comedy; The Zamperla Family; Susan's Royal Afghans; The Bumpy Family; The Dymeks; Zoppe's Rhesus Monkey Revue; Satani Demon.

FLASH!

A move that could provide a new home for the Ringling-Barnum Circus has been launched in Florida. Officials of Charlotte County, led by Don Pifalo, would like to have the circus move from Venice to their county.

It has been estimated that it would cost \$8 to \$10 million to provide the circus with a new home. This would include construction of a 6,000 seat arena, a prop and costume shop, etc. More than 100 people would be employed on a full-time basis, Pifalo states, and it is possible that a year-round tourist attraction could be developed at the circus facility.

In the meantime it is understood that officials of Lee County would also like to see the circus move from Venice, but into their county. They have proposed the Kickapoo Ranch property as an ideal location, which is near North Fort Myers. The county is already building a 8,000 seat arena there, with the aid of a \$4.87 million federal grant.

Show Folks

A circus produced by Eddie Zacchini and sponsored by General Foods, called the "Kool Aid Circus" was featured at the Iowa State Fair in Des Moines on Aug. 18-28. Free tickets were offered for envelopes and labels from the Kool Aid products, otherwise admission to the show was priced at \$1.00 each.

A total of 23 performances were scheduled for the eleven day run at the fair. The program included: The Plunkett Family, trampoline; Al's Lemonzine, comedy car; Linare's Poodles; The Flying Espanas; The Gutis Family, comedy; Circus Elephants; Christopher James, wire; The Sensational Leighs, space wheel and the Ramon Twins in a special number with the Kool Aid Man. Bob Jackson

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REVIEW

Ron Sanford and I drove to Omaha, on Aug. 5th to visit the Big John Strong & Son Circus. Big John, now on the road to recovery from his recent illness, gave us the same cordial welcome that he is famous for, giving all visiting fans and friends an open invitation, and we had a really great day.

On my first visit to the show in 1971, John told me that he had no desire to enlarge the show as he much preferred to keep it small but it was apparent at our first glimpse that the show has grown in size.

The new big top (80 x 120) with four poles and three middle pieces, shows no signs of wear and in fact still looks brand new.

Young John's side show has an attractive bannerline and gives the midway more of a look of shows of the past.

The circus loads into two large, well decorated semis and there is a straight-bed spool truck for the canvas. There is another small truck and the usual number of private vehicles.

The show's animals include 2 horses, 4 ponies, 6 dogs, a llama and Neena, the elephant.

Chuck Williams is the promoter ahead of the show and Sandy Strong and John McGuire are handling advance.

In the absence of an organist recorded music is used for the performance. Bill Schreiber makes the opening announcements, after which Big John takes over the microphone. Bill Schreiber is manager and has charge of the office. He also works the liberty ponies.

The side show does not open until after the performance. Young John is a capable side show talker and his bally packed the tent. He can lecture in a manner that many old-timers could envy.

The side show features Young John with fire eating and sword swallowing, a two-headed calf, huge shepherd dog, devil fishman and a shrunken head.

John also has an amazing pitch for bid whistles which sold like the proverbial hot cakes at the performance we saw.

An elephant ride at 50c is presented before the performance and immediately after in the center ring, and Poco, the clown, does a musical number before the show starts.

The performance is fast-moving with only one interruption for a color book and novelty sale.

Included in the program were: Robin and Mc Gill, hand balancing and trapeze; Young John, juggling, hand balancing and acrobatics; Diane Haygood, dog and web act; Don Young, Poco, the Clown; Cole Jacob, swinging ladder and horses; Marty Ennis, clown ladder; Bill Schreiber, liberty ponies and Chris De Wayne with Neena, the elephant.

I am amazed at how versatile Young John is. I doubt if there is anything that this talented young man will not attempt and master. His juggling act with three lighted torches, climaxed by blowing huge blasts of flame from his mouth is a real show-stopper.

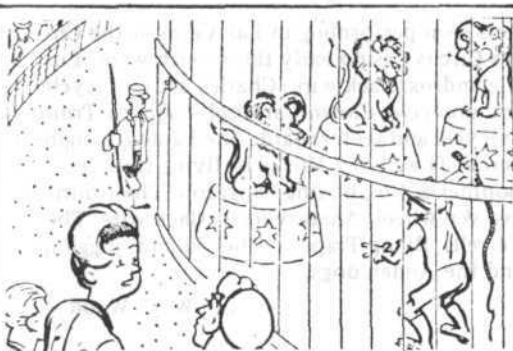
All of the performers are young people with a lot of talent and beautiful costumes.

There was about a half house for both performances. The novelty pitch resulted in the largest volume of sales I have ever seen.

I have never seen Big John put on a poor performance but this year's show is by far the finest that he has ever had.

My sincere thanks to the Strongs (father and son) and to all of the others who showed us such a good time and a special thanks to Diane Haygood for providing the names and other information for this review. Thanks too, to Ron Sanford, for driving the car.

..... Bill Green



Texas Date

In just a few short weeks the annual Texas show dates will be underway. The first of these dates is at Dallas (Sept. 12-18) where the performance will feature:

Blinko & Maran, Balloon-Arama; Troyana, foot slide; Josip Marcan and his African Lions; The Luxem's Wheel of Destiny; The Geraldo's Revolving Wheel; Clown Fire House number; the Berans, perch; Alexanders, perch; Knops, perch; Hernandez, perch; Aguilar, perch; Rito Bros, juggling/unicycles; Olmedas, bicycles; Navarros, unicycles; Bobby's ponies; Anderson's White Horse Troupe; Gibb's Mules; Clowns in Duck Shooting; Franconi Duo, double trap; Miss Rachel, cloud swing; Pharoahs, cradle; Beran's trap; Miss Cheri, trap; Lodi Duo, breakaway; Shappi's Crazy Piano; The Clowns; Miss Bridget trap and revolving chandelier and Girl In A Bird Cage production number.

After Intermission will be a Clown Walkaround; The Flying Palacio's double wide flying act; the Sebastian's dogs; Clown Boxing number; Hernandez Teeterboard Troupe; Alexanders, teeterboard; The Vickinas, teeterboard; Hall's African Baboons; My-Immba's Baboons; Clown Astronaut; Hernandez, rola bola; Megres Duo, balancing; the Palacios, casting; Kolmedy, balancing; Piro Bros., trampoline; Clown Speedboat; Cristiani elephants; Rosa's elephants; the Diano elephants; Bobby's elephants; Gibbs, elephants; The Quassars, aerialists and a Finale.

..... Gus Turner

At Vegas

Acts seen performing in Las Vegas at the Circus Circus Casino early this month were: Los Alejandros, slack wire; Charles & Co., bicycle and unicycle; Clown Carousel; Esqueda Troupe, unicycle and teeterboard; The Paulos, hanging perch; The Flying Michaels, flying trapeze; Boomer & Co., boxing kangaroo; The Ronritas, sky wheel; Aneta Vargas, slack wire; The Terrells, flying Trapeze; The Villams, juggling and the Anden dogs.

... W. C. Wood

Fair Date

We have been fortunate, this year, in that we had a number of circus acts performing at the Monroe County Fair, held at Henrietta, N. Y., Aug. 5-13.

Appearing twice each day on the midway area were: Oscar Biscione in a 100 ft. dive.

Three times each day in the midway area Paul LaCross, world's fastest gunslinger, and Beepo, the Clown, (Richard Landon) performed.

Appearing three times each day in the Dome Arena were: The Gutis Family and Sharon Vidbel's Chimp show.

On Aug. 8th, the International Fairtime Circus, presented by Variety Attractions (George Mofett and Ken Thomas) gave one evening show, then the following day presented an afternoon and night show.

Their performance featured: Bobby Raye, announcer and Cordovox (pre-show concert); the Wazzan Troupe, tumbling; Lou Regan and the Carden-Johnson camels; Beepo, the Clown and a break-away bicycle; Deena Brophy, the 1977 National Baton Twirling Champion; The Wolvos in a comedy revolving ladder number; Bill Brickle's Poodle Fantasy; Beepo, the Clown with the spinning plates; Sharon Vidbel, Arabian dressage horse; The Wazzans, trampoline; Lou Regan and the Carden Johnson elephants.

..... Bill Galloway

Visitors

On Aug. 11th the following folks were guests at the International All Star Circus at its 7:30 p.m. performance: John Wilson, retired performer; Jack and Rose Ann Baty, employees of Bobby Gibbs; Amy Harder, performer from Circus Kirk; Bobby Gibbs, performer/trainer from Circus World Museum; Patty Kelly, veterinarian for the Gibbs animals from Sauk City, Wisc.; Charles Scarboro; Miguel and Margerta Ayala and several others.

Jack Pots were cut-up with the Ruckers, Boyd Kimes, La Torres and other show folks.

The same group also visited Carson & Barnes Circus on Aug. 8th at Fond du Lac, Wisc., and wish to thank D. R. Miller, Ted Bowman and Gladys Black for their kindness.

NEW SHOW

The program offered by the Kiwanis Circus at Allen Park, Mich. (Aug. 15-21) was a great and interesting show. It was a winner all the way, and producer Bob Atterbury can be proud of his work on this one.

In addition to Atterbury, the show staff included: Earl Michaels, ringmaster; Rex Young, producing clown and Steve Stephani, musical director.

The program featured: Dime Wilson's balloon-arama; Miss Wanda and Miss Daquelyn, loop the loop trapeze; Clowns; The Great Antonio, one finger stand; Rex Young's Funny Ford; Ervie, unicycle; Stanley Book, juggling; Miss Kiki, Oriental Fantasy; Clowns and the Space Rocket; The Los Ramos, risley; Bill Brickler's Poodles; Stanley Book and Manuel Ramos, tight wire; Carmen's dogs and ponies; The Oscarians, riding act; Mi-Imba's Baboons; the Clown Fire House; Roman Schmidt, rhino and elephant; Clowns; The Flying Aztecs.

..... George Da Deppo

PEOPLE

THE SILAGIS Troupe featuring top mounter YANKA DIMITROVA are featured in the big teeterboard display on the RBBB Red Unit. Also featured in the same display is the PARVANOVIS Troupe.

THE GUTIS FAMILY have been signed to appear at fairs in Des Moines, New Hampshire, Quebec, West Springfield, Topsfield and Montgomery.

SHARON VIDBEL will be presenting her chimp act and horse at fairs in Virginia and Michigan then plays fall dates for Bill Garden.

D. R. MILLER, and HOWARD and CHONA EASTWOOD were recent visitors on the Sells & Gray Circus, jumping over between shows on Carson & Barnes Circus.

WALT KING's elephants played a two day engagement in Northfield, Ill., early in August.

Chicago Date

An Aerial Thrill Circus, produced by L. N. Fleckles, was presented in the Mayor Daley Civic Center Plaza (Chicago, Ill.) on Aug. 15-21. Show times were at noon and 3 p.m. each day.

Featured in the program were: Ernie McLean, announcer; Ron Kelroy, boss props; The Pharoahs, aerial cradle; Miss Evelyn, Girl in the Moon; the Los Obandos, high wire; The Hortobagyis, double teeterboard; Johnny Luxem, Wheel of Destiny; The Flying Lar-Rays; the Swaying Stars, twin sway poles and the Quasars, aerial revolving jet plane.

..... John Goodall

Changes Made

The show program presented by Van Bros. Circus was changed recently and is now featuring: Clown Walkarounds by Hi Fi; The Chicken Plucker Gag by Hi Fi; Jane Randall and trained horse; Hi Fi's Mini Bike; Book Pitch by Joe King; Jane Randall's dogs.

The second half of the show includes: Bob Emrico and comedy magic; Peanut Pitch by Joe King; Jane Randall's trained stallions; Bob Emrico and unusual escapes.

Big Day

Members of the Father Ed Sullivan Tent (CFA) of Mass. and Rhode Island, visited the Middleborough Historical Museum at Middleboro, Mass., on Aug. 13th. The museum has one of the largest collections of Tom Thumb memorabilia in the country.

Mertie E. Romaine, curator, conducted the group on its museum tour which included a look at the facility housing P. T. Barnum's illustrious Gen. & Mrs. Tom Thumb's personal items.

Following the tour a group picture was taken in the enclosed courtyard. Those attending the event were: the Hicks Family; the Kulbabskys; the McBride Family; A. Niles; Shirley McNamara; the Amidons; and the MacAllisters.

The Windjammers, Inc., is planning a Regional Meeting at Indianapolis, Ind., on Sept. 22-25.