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## attendance rolls up

Good spring business at the Circus Memories Museum in Fryeburg, Me. was followed a summer slump, reports owner/manager Paul Horsman. However, he added, business at the end of the summer was up considerably and has continued good through October.

Usually the museum closes in early September, but this year the museum is staying open until Oct. 26th. Special bus loads of visitors arrived to view the museum on Oct. 6 and again on Oct. 12th.

Throughout the winter season visitors are welcome at the museum, but are requested to make advance appointments.

## EYES U.S. TOUR

Four weeks of dates, starting Nov. 26th, are expected to launch Stuart Miller's "Wonderful World of Magic" show into a full-time operation. For the past few years Miller has operated his magic show during the winter season, spending his summers on a circus.

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## NEW ASSOCIATION

Jim Parker, of the U. S. Navy, and known in Clown Alley as "Diamond Jim" - a former president of the Rose Gould CFA tent at San Diego, Calif. -- has been released from the Navy for a period of six weeks (with pay) so he can accept a position as instructor at the Ringling Clown College in Venice, Florida.

## NO CHARGES

The Dept. of Interior and U. S. Dept. of Agriculture have announced the Justice Dept. reports prosecution of any persons involved in last February's roundup of horses in Idaho, has been declined because of a lack of evidence. If additional evidence is developed the decision not to prosecute will be reconsidered.

The horses, which have been held at North Platte, Nebr. will be returned to Idaho until it can be determined whether they can be claimed as privately owned animals. If no valid claims are made the horses will be turned loose on public land within the state of Idaho.

## COURT TEST

Early this month Hal Haviland filed a "Motion for Summary Judgment" with the U. S. Attorneys office in Washington, DC., in his suit against the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture and Earl L. Butz, secretary. The "Motion for Summary Judgment" and "Undisputed Facts" were submitted by Albert A. Rapoport, attorney with Shipley, Akerman, Stein & Kaps, of Washington.

Mr. Haviland charges the Dept. of Agriculture has no jurisdiction to compel his being licensed as an "exhibitor". He states that he is not engaged in the business of buying and selling animal but rather is an "animal act" that performs professionally.

Haviland claims that when Congress set-up the Animal Welfare Act it did not include "animal acts" under the term "exhibitor." This was added later, he states, by Secretary Butz.

It is also charged that the Animal Welfare Act is unconstitutional since it includes carnivals, circuses and zoos, but excludes pet stores, organizations and sponsoring groups and persons participating in state and country fairs and exhibitions.

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## the lineup

Officers elected for a two year term to serve the Circus Windjammers Unlimited include:

Robert P. Hills, Jr., of Delaware, Ohio - president

Ward Staugh, of Corydon, Ind., - Secretary/Treasurer

Percy Turner, of San Diego, Calif. - Regional Director - West

## NEW WORK

Former veteran circus and rodeo performer Louie Cabral, who had his Palomino Liberty Horse act on James Bros. Circus a few years ago, and who is also remembered for his wild five horse Roman Riding Rodeo act, is using his Wild West Show and Rodeo experience in a different way now. During the summer he is driving an authentic looking stagecoach in Virginia City (Nev.) and during the winter a horse-drawn sleigh. Louie is one of the greatest contemporary drivers of multi-hitch teams.

Just a few years ago he drove an eight horse hitch pulling two wagons loaded with tons of boxed tomatoes into the long line of trucks waiting to unload their tomato cargo at the huge cannery in Hollister, Calif. This scene from a by-gone era made the TV and news papers and created many nostalgic comments. Our thought is, "Could Louie have been preparing for a gas shortage?" ..... Frank Dean

## ANIMAL SHOWS

Free animal shows are provided for the public at the St. Louis, Mo. Zoo on a regular basis between May and September. These shows include --

Elephant shows - Donn Gibson, head trainer and Dave Howe, assistant trainer.

Seal shows - Jim Alexander, trainer

Chimp shows - Mike Costill, trainer.

The performing elephants at the zoo are: Pumie, Trudy, Marie, Carolyn and Donna.

## YEARS AGO

Several well-known show personalities appeared in the "Ham & Eggs Circus" which toured California in 1939. The show was promoted as a means of creating interest in a program to pay \$30 per week to all California citizens over 50 years of age.

Those with the show were:

- W. M. Matlock - announcer
- Charles Post - band master
- Mrs. C. Post - soloist
- Joe Perez - novelty juggler
- Cel Owens - contortion/loop walk
- Fay Avalon and Fay Wolcott - clowns
- Bea Beeson and Florence Knight - aerial ladder
- John White - leaping greyhounds
- Bill Dedrick - ponies/dogs

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## FINALE

MARIA KLAUSER, widow of the late Walter Klauser and mother of Herta, of the well-known bear act. She passed away at Sarasota, Fla. on Oct. 7

MRS. LOU WIZIARDE, who with her husband and son performed as the Wiziarde tightwire trio. Her son Frank is Whizzo, the TV clown.

## a big one

When Miller-Johnson Circus played St. Louis, Mo., reports Tim Cooney, they hit two days of rain. They were here for a four day week end stand and both Friday and Saturday were marred by the rain, but otherwise things were pretty good. They have a nice show and a really big tent.

The opening performance almost didn't go as someone had stolen the truck with the ropes and sidewall. Fortunately it was recovered and the show was able to go on as planned.

During the Sunday evening performance one of Simone's chimps was scared by an elephant and ran through the audience. His wife was trying to catch it and the chimp knocked her down. It was finally caught and no one was injured.

The circus now has 9 elephants. Seven of them work in the ring, while six do the long mount.

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### NOTICE .....

Cole Bros. 1950 programs just \$4 each. Write: Circus Memories Museum, Fryeburg, Me. - 04037

# ROUTES

## Clyde Bros. Circus

Nov. 1-4 Columbus, Ga.

## Fisher Bros. Circus

Oct. 29 Moody, Texas

30 Belton

Nov. 1 Kyle

2 Luling

3 Taylor

4 Lockhart

## Hall's Circus Side Show

Oct. 29-Nov 4 Savannah, Ga.

## Happytime Circus

to Nov. 11 Phoenix, Ariz.

## Int'l Boys Circus

Oct. 29-Nov. 22 Mexico City

## King Bros. Circus

Oct. 29 Hattiesburg, Miss

30 Lumberton

31 Daphne, Ala.

Nov. 1 Atmore

2 Opp

-- End of Season --

## Ringling's Blue Unit

Oct. 31-Nov. 4 Pittsburgh

## Ringling's Red Unit

Oct. 30-Nov. 4 Quebec City

## Royal Lipizzen Show

Nov. 2-3 New Haven, Conn.

4 So. Yarm'th, Mass

## ..... SPECIAL ROUTES .....

## Circus Memories Museum

Oct. 26 - Fryeburg, Me.

(end of summer season)

## Fiesta Folklorico

Nov. 1 Wichita, Kans.

4 Peoria, Ill

## Holiday on Ice (Int'l)

Oct. 31-Nov. 4 Madison, Wisc

## Holiday on Ice (Nat'l)

Oct. 30-Nov. 7 Toledo, Ohio

## Ice Capades

Oct. 30-Nov. 4 Tucson, Arz

## Int'l Livestock Expo.

Nov. 10-18 Portland, Oreg.

## Longhorn Rodeo

Nov. 2-4 Bangor, Me.

## Model Train Exhibit

Oct. 26-28 Emeryville, Cal.

## Small World (Disney)

Oct. 30-Nov. 4 Knoxville,

## St. Louis Cowboy Rodeo

Nov. 3-4 Pierce, Fla.

## ..... CARNIVALS .....

## Big H Rides

Nov. 1-16 Georgetown, SC

## Century 21 Shows

Oct. 29-Nov 3 Lafayette, La

## James H. Drew Shows

Oct. 29-Nov 4 Ft. Gordon, Ga

## Farrow Amusements

Oct. 29-Nov 3 Bay St. Louis

## Fun Fair Amusements

Nov. 6-10 Andrews, SC

## Gold Medal Shows

Oct. 29-Nov 3 Bonifay, Fla.

## Bob Hammond Shows

Nov. 1-10 San Antonio, Tex

## Mississippi Valley Shows

Oct 29-Nov 3 Valdosta, Ga

## Page Combined Shows

Oct 29-Nov 3 Brunson, SC

## Reithoffer Shows

Oct 25-Nov 4 Ft. Bragg, NC

Oct 25-Nov 10 Ft. Jackson

## YEARS AGO (Continued)

The Acevada Troupe - wire and juggling

Bertha Matlock - loop-the loop number

Babette Thomasen - cloud swing.

Frank Chicarello - whips and knives

Rudy Mueller - elephant, dog and a burro

The big top was an 80 ft. with three 50 ft. centers.

After a tour of California the show closed with a three day indoor stand at Los Angeles, Calif. Prices were 30¢ for everyone, and every day was reported as being a big one. All show folks were paid at the end of each day.

## LATE NOTES .....

The zoo at Wellington, N. Z. has reportedly sold some 23 animals to the Bullen's Animal Park near Sydney, Australia.

Another sale of zoo animals was reported in Australia to the Ridgeway Circus.

## Who's Who

UNCLE SID (clown) worked the Auburn, Calif. Fair on Sept. 13-16.

EDDIE and SOL MURILLO purchased two Holiday Rambler trailers from A. C. Nelson Co. (Omaha, Neb.) and had them shipped to Italy for their tour in that country.

KENNETH FELD has been named co-producer of both RBBB units. It is the first time a father and son team have produced the RBBB shows.

BILL CHAUDET, magician, played at the Oklahoma State Fair in Tulsa on Sept. 26-Oct. 7

JAMES "TEX" COPELAND, a former RBBB front door man, now works for the Meas Bros. Dept. Store in Sarasota.

ANTONIO MORALES joined the De Wayne Bros. Circus last week to finish out that show's tour.

TIM COONEY, a former clown, is now working in the elephant department of the St. Louis, Mo., Zoo.

IRVIN FELD, president and producer of RBBB's units, was guest speaker at the 30th anniversary of the Emmett Kelly CFA Tent. He discussed the two traveling units and Circus World.

## YEARS AGO

On March 12, 1868, the Golden State Circus played Sacramento, Cal.

The show had an 85 ft. round tent and was traveling on five baggage wagons, a passenger coach and a band chariot. About 12 people were on the show, along with eight ring horses and one trick horse.

## THE OLD DAYS

While spending a recent day off, Hal Haviland reports he ran across an elderly gentleman by the name of "Shorty" Shafer, at Kalkaska, Mich. He has had a background of carnival and circus life and worked for 3 years with the Gentry Dog & Pony Circus.

At one time Shorty, said, Mr. Gentry had his winterquarters near Scott, Ohio. The baggage stock, he adds, worked for the local stone quarry during the winter months.

Mr. Gentry was a real "nice man", says Shorty, even though he admits he was never paid a regular salary. But, he quickly notes, he was allowed to sleep in a wagon or in the tent, and was able to keep all the money he received while selling reserved seat tickets, something he was permitted to do from time-to-time so he could have pocket money.

According to Shorty, the Gentry show had about 28 wagons, with four seat wagons, all pulled by two horse teams. One of the features of this show was the covered dog houses on many of the wagons.

During the parades Gentry led the procession astride his horse "Forest Tempers" carrying the American flag. Frequently Gentry would demand respect for the national emblem with an order to a group of on-lookers, "Take your hats off for the flag."



## many exhibitors

All six New England states were represented at the CMB meeting in Portland, Me. on the weekend of Oct. 13-14. Circus model displays were provided by members of the P. T. Barnum, Sells Floto, Buzzie Potts, Carl Hagenbeck, Merle Evans and Victor Robbins CMB Rings.

Ray Merrill, of Topsham, Me. worked as Blocko, the Clown, and presented several clown magic show features. The entire event was arranged for the auspices of the Parents of Hearing-impaired Children.

## TOP TALENT ON CAMPUS

The 6th annual session of RBBB's Clown College is currently underway at Venice, Calif. with Bill Ballantine serving at its dean. Graduation ceremonies will be held on Nov. 18th, at which time many of the new funsters will be awarded a contract with "The Greatest Show on Earth."

Instructors for the current session include:

Prof. Hovey Burgess (Master of the Circus, New York University) who instructs in the art of juggling stilt walking, unicycle riding and risley.

Mata and Hari, renowned dance team who conduct daily dance classes, movement and pantomime

Victor Gaona, famed flyer, who offers classes in trampoline work  
Antar Wazzan, former circus performer, coaches acrobats and the art of building human pyramids

## LOSS FOR N.Y. Garden

At the end of the first quarter of the current fiscal year (ending Aug. 31) Madison Square Garden Corp. reports a loss of \$1,582,000, equal to 33¢ a share. Total revenues for the quarter were \$27,581,000 as compared to \$34,532,000 for the same period a year ago, when net earnings of \$662,000 or 14¢ per share were recorded.

The loss was blamed on: a change of the fiscal year and the fact there was no expanded hockey revenue. Also blamed for the loss was an operating loss at the newly opened O'Hare Int'l Tower Hotel.

Of special interest is the list of the company's Directors, which includes Michael Burke, a one-time RBBB executive. He is the senior vice president -- Sports and Entertainment, and President and Operating Officer of Madison Square Garden. His background is listed simply as former chairman of the New York Yankees Ball Club and a Vice President of CBS.

Mr. Burke was hired early in 1973 as a senior executive for a period of five years at an annual salary of \$100,000. He will also be granted stock options equal to those granted other executives of his rank and responsibility.

The course also includes lessons in riding elephants, plus lectures by circus experts on show history, the art of clowning, famous performers and circus lore and legend.



# DEWAYNE BROS. CIRCUS

Early in Nov. the De Wayne Bros. Circus will wind up its 1973 tour, at Phoenix, Ar. The season got underway in April and included several dates in Alaska. Throughout

the tour the show had only about three weeks of good sunny weather, the rest of the time they had rain and cold weather.

The show is moving on four trucks and carries a concession trailer. All equipment is well painted and lettered, using a red and yellow scheme.

The one ring big top is blue with red and white trim, while the side wall is red and white. Two center poles, 14 quarter poles and 39 end poles are used. Ring curb is red with yellow scroll. Seating consists of 16 sections, each six rows high. An organ provides live music for the performance.

The program, as seen at Napa, Calif. (Oct. 17) included:

- Clown warm-up
- The Clifton Troupe - trampoline
- Nolly Tata - dogs (6)
- Miss Dianne - swinging ladder
- Inferior Decorators - comedy
- Miss Susette - liberty ponies
- Great Oresto - juggling
- The Tates - egg balance gag
- Eduardo's Gypsy Bears
- Intermission --

## CIRCUS KIRK

When Circus Kirk went into the barn last month, its owner/producer Dr. Charles Boas called the tour our "best season ever."

Of special interest is the following information concerning the show's physical equipment for the 1973 tour.

### SHOW TRUCKS ....

- 6 semi units with tractors rented, while trailers are owned by the show.
- 3 small trucks and an office trailer and concession trailer

### CANVAS .....

- Big top - a 60 ft with two 30 ft and one 40 ft. center
- Side show - 30 x 70
- pit show - 20 x 30
- novelties - 12 x 12
- cookhouse - 20 x 30
- kitchen and dressing room top - 15 x 30
- (all canvas was new this season, except for the side show top)

### SEATING .....

- Bleacher style seats are used - 8 rows high

### SIDE SHOW ....

- Acts included: magic, blade box, ventriloquist, human blockhead, fire eater, human pin cushion and electric girl.

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- Brian's chimps
  - Miss Julie - doves
  - Miss Margo - one finger stand
  - "Bimbo", the elephant
  - Jargo, comedy gorilla parody

## A TOP ACT

Having concluded a successful season, Henry's Chimps are looking forward to what could be an extended run at Circus Circus in Las Vegas. The act, which offers clever routines and outstanding comedy, is a real crowd pleaser. In fact it is an act that is asked for again and again.



During this past season the act has been featured with Reid Bros., Royal Int'l, Paul Kaye and most recently with the George Matthews Circus.

A few months ago Ivan Henry purchased a new baby chimp, bringing his total number of chimps to six, all of whom work in each performance. As a result it is now one of the largest such acts available.

They ride bikes, scooters, even jump rope and work on a perch pole, and other familiar routines. However, the most popular portion of the act is the comedy situation that develops as Ivan tries to get one of the chimps to play the piano. He finally does, with a surprise ending.

Be sure to watch for this act when your favorite circus is in town. If you don't see them ask the circus chairman to request their appearance for the next show - you'll be glad you did.



## Sawdust Trail

Hoxie Bros. used Oct. 11 and 12 to travel from Tuscaloosa, Ala. to New Orleans, La. where they played on Oct. 13-14.

King Bros. Circus which closes its tour on Nov. 2 at Opp, Ala. will then have traveled a total of 13,281 miles for the season.

Dodo, the Clown, has appeared at the La. Purchase Garden & Zoo all summer, on Sundays. He made more than 50 appearances at the park.

The Shrine Circus scheduled at Monroe, La. on Nov. 2-4 will be produced by Eddie Zecchini.

Mike McGee, Civic Center manager at Monroe, La. has resigned to join Neal Gunn, director of Lakeland, Fla. a new complex set to open in Nov. 74

Lewis Bros. has a new colorful yellow and red letterhead with a big charging tiger coming from the upper left corner.

.....M. L. Dupont

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## how it was

A special exhibit of "The Circus Through the Centuries" will go on display at the Ringling Museum (Sarasota, Fla.) on Dec. 13th. On display will be priceless rare handbills, fine prints, engravings and lithos, as well as actual circus equipment and costumes, all of which help trace the circus from its very beginning.

Some of the earliest items in the exhibit will be an engraving of the Circus Maximus, and a woodprint of a tightrope walker at Venice in 1545. Also featured will be prints and a scale model of the Philip Astley Circus (1770-1814), a rare courier of an 1846 bandwagon, along with a Yankee Robinson/Ringling Bros. herald for the year of 1884.



CHARLES SPARKS (left), owner-manager of the Sparks Circus, and two of his staff men, Tom Henry (center), and Sam A. Scribner, posed for this picture at Houlton, Me., in July, 1918.

## Who's Who

BUCKLES WOODCOCK is reportedly going to be in charge of part of the bull herd at RBBB's Circus World.

RUBY LANDRUS is recovering quite well after recent surgery, while her husband, Jack, is still in a rest home.

ENOCH BRADFORD is in charge of the big top with the De Wayne Bros. Circus this year.

BARRY MILLER and family are touring with the Texas Cowgirls Basketball Team. They do single trapeze, serial cradle and a comedy number.

FRANK and BERNICE DEAN visited the Happytime Circus at Ventura, Cal. and caught John Strong's Circus at Thousand Oaks, Calif.

MARK ANTHONY (clown) has signed for another tour on the RBBB show. It will be his 10th year with the big one.

MAURICE PAINTER, a former insurance man, is now in charge of Concessions on both RBBB units.

BUCKY STEEL's elephants were used for the Disney film "The Elephant Chase."

The RAFAEL MARQUEZ FAMILY, who were with the Hubert Castle Circus last year, are now working in Spain.

# NOTES

The Schlitz 40 horse team will be featured in the Jan. 1, 1974 annual Rose Parade at Pasadena, Cal.

The Royal Lipizzan Stallion Show drew good crowds at its date in Sherbrooke, Canada (Aug. 18-26)

An article "Smokey Jones Knows all About Elephants" appeared in the Fontana Sun-Telegram (Oct. 7) of San Bernardino, Calif.

Chauncey, the cougar used in the Ford Motor Co. TV commercials was in San Francisco, Calif. last week for personal appearances.

RBBB's Circus World is going to use the tag line "The Greatest Place on Earth."

The National Enquirer newspaper of Oct. 28 has pictures on the diving mules, a Johnny River's act.

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## EYES U.S. TOUR (Continued)

The upcoming dates, which are for Mearl N. Johnson, will be featuring a full illusion show, plus variety acts. Included in the magic portion of the show will be the sub trunk, doll house, girl in sixths, clown box, sewing a girl in half, etc. Also touring with the show will be the Diaz Sisters who present juggling and unicycle routines. Mike Bourbon, clown, is also signed to be with the show, while other acts are yet to be set.

Dates will be played for a variety of promoters, sponsors and under Miller's own promotional efforts.