



5th Year

August 30, 1976

Number 35

FUROR OVER LOT

A last minute change in lot locations by the Beatty-Cole Circus brought a storm of protests from citizens of Canfield (Ohio). The original lot was under water and so the local Chevrolet dealer offered to let the circus set up on their property.

Parking for circus-goers was arranged at a high school parking lot, but soon cars were being parked everywhere. Police ticketed cars parked along the highway and even towed some of them away. Meanwhile residents were complaining about the circus being located in what they called a "residential" zone.

Later city officials said one side of the highway is residential, but the other side is zoned for commercial business.

The circus was sponsored by the Jaycees, who reportedly had sold 7,400 advance tickets. They estimated that as many as
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On the jump into Jackson (Miss) July 24, a seat wagon was rolled and its tractor demolished. The seat trailer was salvaged. Then coming out of Clarksville (Ind) on Aug. 9th, a seat wagon was destroyed.

Show supt., Nick Bengor jumped back to Memphis to bring on another seat wagon that had been stored and just 8 miles out of town the engine of his truck blew up. This unit was to have picked up the extra blues, marquee and ring carpet that were carried on a damaged seat unit. As a result the show worked several days with only three seat wagons and one short end of blues.

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Haack said it was the biggest crowd he had seen at a concert since the bandshell was opened ten years ago. He indicated local circus fans want to make the event an annual affair.

Former clown Percy Rademacher was also on hand to entertain the crowd with his special acts.

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ROUTES

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31 Warrensburg
Sep. 1 Jefferson City
2 Rola
3 Mexico
4-5 St. Charles

Circus Kirk
Sep. 1 Mt. Union, Pa.
2 Bellevue

Circus Vargas
Sep. 2-5 Trois Rivieres,
Que.

Dubois Circus World
to Sep. 6 Quebec City,
Que.

Famous Hunt Circus
Sep. 4 Lyon, N.J.

Garden Bros. Circus
Aug. 30 Amherst, N.S.
31 New Glasgow
Sep. 1 Port Hawkesbury
2 Sydney
4 Corner Brook,
5 Gander Nfd.

George-Matthews Circus
Aug. 30 Hagerstown, Md
31 Johnstown, Pa
Sep 1-2 Colier Twnship
3 Niles, Ohio
4-7 Cuyahoga Falls

Happytime Circus
to Sept. 7 Sacramento, Ca.

Hoxie Bros. Circus
Aug. 30 Totowa, N.J.
31 Verona
Sept. 1 Secaucus
2 Butler
3 Flanders
4 Jersey City
5 Little Ferry

Int'l All Star Circus
to Sept. 5 Toronto, Ont.

Emmett Kelly, Jr. Circus
Sep. 4-6 Tacoma, Wash.

King Bros. Circus
Aug. 30 Cambridge, Md.
31 Fairfax, Va.
Sept. 1 Beltsville, Md.
3 Orange, Va.
4 Ashland
5 Farmville

Ohio State Fair Circus
Aug 26-Sep 6 Columbus, Ohio

Ringling-Barnum - Blue Unit
Sep 1-6 San Francisco, Ca.

Ringling-Barnum - Red Unit
Sep 1-6 St. Louis, Mo.

Royal Danish Circus
Sep 3-6 Contoocook, N.H.

John Strong Circus
Aug 30-Sep 4 Portland, Ore.

Sells & Gray Circus
Aug. 30 Castanea, Pa.
31 Punxsutawney
Sep. 1 Brookville
2 Conneaut, Ohio
3 Lectonia
4 Strongsville
5 Port Clinton

.... OTHER ROUTES

Blake's County Fair
Sep. 1-6 St. Joseph, Mo.

Carnival of Brasil
Aug 31-Sep 19 Detroit, Mich

Century 21 Shows - Blue Unit
Sep. 1-6 Kansas City, Mo.

Century 21 Shows - Red Unit
Sep. 3-11 Chattanooga, Tenn

James H. Drew Shows
Aug 30-Sep 4 Gap, Va.

Ice Follies
to Sep 5 San Francisco, Ca.

Prof. Miller & Co. (Magic)
Aug 30 Hyannis-port, Mass
31 Dennis-port

Mitchell Marionettes
to Sep 6 St. Paul, Minn

Rose City Rides
Sep. 4-6 Mokane, Mo.

Tip Top Shows
Sep. 2-6 Plymouth, Wisc.



BILLY BARTON.....

RELIABLE SOURCES indicate that IAN GARDEN will field two units in '77 and that he will be playing more stateside dates.

PAUL JORDAN blasts off his new rocket ship aerial act in the west in November....Plans are underway to enlarge King Bros. next season. A cat act will be added...BUBBA VOSS, ex Kelly Miller bandleader, visited CHARLES SCHLARBAUM on a visit to the G-M show, sat in with CLIFF MORESSI's band....MARQUEEN SCHLARBAUM is starting a Correspondence School for show youngsters. What about us oldsters?

MARSHA HUNT is back playing the organ on Famous Hunt...GEORGE HUBLER is expanding his fall tour and his circus in '77...CHARLIE BARRY, equestrian director with such shows as Sells-Floto, Al G. Barnes, etc., visited Royal Hanford at Lake Charles (La.)..... CHERYL CHILDRESS confides she is planning to learn a bounding rope act (NO, she WASN'T kidding!).

CIRCUS VARGAS will be back in the USA by mid-September. All reports on their Canadian Biz are terrific....G-M Circus swung thru the South and broke records. At Meridian (Miss) the show had two turnaways and an unscheduled third show was almost packed..... RUDY BROS. resumes operations in October.

Last year I nominated HOXIE BROS. as the "sleeper show" of the season. This year that nomin-

ation goes to SELLS & GRAY which has the best performance of ANY medium sized tent show on tour, which brings me to....

SELLS & GRAY NOTES: Electrician ARTHUR GROTEFONT builds all CARLA WALLEDA's sway poles - made two for her in two years. He also made the unique plate spinning apparatus used by the RUWILLS on Beatty-Cole....Billy and Bonnie Earl now have a BONNIE & CLYDE Fan Club (they deserve it). ...Juggler SAMPION drove to NYC to pick up his son Jurgens and his niece Veronica just over from Paris. Veronia went right to work assisting TINA STOREY in her bola number. Sampion is named for his uncle, well known circus man SAMPION BOUGLIONE...and Sampion's wife, MARIE FRANCE, not to be outdone, boasts some famous relatives herself - sister ODILE ASTIE, the famous stuntwoman in French films and brother ALAIN ASTIE, renown ballet dancer and teacher, who has performed with the legendary NUREYEV....BILLY RODGERS recent invasion of S&G with his feathers and beads had the gals in total ecstasy.

MARIO WALLEDA, in a fresh cast, is back in Sarasota. The operation was vetoed...DR. HENDERSON, vet with RBBB, had open heart surgery in Houston and is doing well....DELILAH ZOPPE WALLEDA expects the stork, which in eight month's time, will make

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CIRCUS acts

Acts appearing at the Royal Danish Circus, at Escanaba, Mich. Fair date were: (Aug. 17-22)

The Barry's, audience participation comedy trapeze; Almir-os, comedy juggling; Miller Bros. aerial cradle; Rosita and Alberto, plate spinning and "Gorgo" the comedy gorilla.

Show Talent

Acts appearing at the L. N. Fleckles produced "76 Freedom Fair" at Springfield (Ill.) Aug. 12-22 included:

The Zavattas, ladders; Martin, juggler; Guy Gossing's tigers; Randy & Sylvia, perch; Tibor Alexander, dogs; Lodi Duo, cradle; Lamberti, Jr., hand balancing; Herman and Petunia, comedy riding; Cristiani's elephant troupe; Hernandez Troupe, teeterboard; The Flying Lar-Rays and the Zoppe Arabian Riders.

Music was directed by Al Youngman and Al Dawley was the show's announcer/ringmaster.

New Film

A new circus-based film called "The Amazing Doberman's" was recently completed at Simi, Cal., by Rosamond Productions. The movie stars Barbara Eden as a bareback rider and also features Billy Barty. Technical director for the film was Bobby Yerkes.

Some of the circus acts used in the film were: The Young Troupe, teeterboard; Ben DeWayne and the Polack Bros. elephants; Gene Mendez, high wire; Ruth Hill plus Allison Klockman, Beth and Diana Nufer, aerial ballet and Anna's cats. Clowns were Tim Hill, and Mark Yerkes.

PEOPLE

CLARA STEVENS, wife of the late "Little" Bob Stevens, is the concession manager on Dailey Bros.

THE GREAT TOMSINI, magician, will appear on both the Mike Douglas Show and Donny & Marie during September.

THE ALCETY's, balancing act, was recently featured on TV's "Vaudeville" program.

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Busy Times

Don Bridwell - "Whizzer the Clown" has been kept busy this summer with many fair/circus dates for Variety Attractions' International Big Top Circus in Ohio and Indiana. "Whizzer" along with his wife, Franny (Spunky), and nephew Jim Van Sickle, Jr., also have been involved in a number of 1976 Bi-centennial celebrations.

From Aug. 26 thru Sept. 6th Bridwell will act as producing clown for Klein's Attractions' Free Circus for the Ohio State Fair, in Columbus. From Dec. 5 to 18th, he will be on the Eastern tour of the Big John Strong.

Hawaii Acts

The program as presented by the Kaye Cont'l Circus at Honolulu (Aug. 12-22) included:

Jack Cervone, musical conductor; Circus Fantasy on Parade, spec; Roberto, cloud swing; Carol, Lila, Evita, Dale, Diana, trap; Baron Von Uhl, lions and tigers; The Young Duo, cradle; The Fred-dies, ladders; Oresto, juggler; Wayne Trio, acrobatics; Miss Astra, sponge dive; Gerard Soules, Poodles of Paris; The Ortans, Russian Swing; Arturo, heel-and-toe trapeze; Kent's Ponies; Brian's chimps; Baby Dolly, elephant; The Feller Boys & Dodo, tight wire.

The second half featured: The Four Flying Artons; Jacobs Hollywood Elephants; Gene Mendez, high wire; Wainwrights, Canestrellis and Braytons, trampoline; The Sensational Leighs, Space Wheel; Salute to Bi-Centennial Finale.

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THRILLER

The Calgary Herald and The Albertan newspapers in Calgary (Albta) front-paged Helicopter-Trapeze sensation Dave Merrifield in their July 12th issues. The Albertan carried a photo that extended the full length of the front page. It showed staff writer Scott Beaven sitting on the trapeze suspended beneath a helicopter, as he interviewed the daring Dave, who was hanging casually by one hand. The Calgary Herald carried a full-color photo of Dave doing a back-balance with the Great Calgary Stampede seen far below.

The reviews of the grandstand show, produced by Ralph Avery, centered around Dave, as well, hailing him as the "Star Attraction."

Merrifield was appearing for the summer at Tommy Bartlett's

Special Show

Acts booked to play the Sep. 11th "King For A Day" show at Welch, W. Va., include:

Lipko's Comedy Chimps; Hoskinson's Animals of Distinction (dogs, llamas); The Walters, trampoline; Ms. Lorelei, trapeze; Wandy & Walter, teeterboard; Mr. Bell, balancing, and Lee Maloney, organist.

The show, sponsored by the American Legion, will be held at the National Guard Armory

Water Show in Wisconsin, and was released for the one special appearance. After Labor Day, he will play the West Texas Fair at Abilene, then goes to the Los Angeles County Fair at Pomona and winds up his season at the Fresno (Calif.) Fair and the Shreveport (La.) Fair, "and then home," says Dave.

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PEOPLE

KARL and SHEILA WINN, high wire act, are currently touring with a rock show.

NINO SANTOS, juggler, replaced INGA WILLIAMS for the week she was absent from G-M Circus.

"BROWNIE" recently visited THE QUASSARS at the Kentucky State Fair and then caught King Bros. Circus for a few days.

DALE "Boost" MADDEN, Jr. veteran circus performer, recently visited JIM and KATHLEEN (Stevens) DAVIS in South Texas. HOWARD SUESZ, show owner, was also their guest this past month.

THE LANCELOT CHIMPS will be starred in a new CBS-TV series called "Arc-2" starting in Sept.

BILL HOWELL (magic/clown) is working with Franzen Bros. Circus in the Wisconsin area.

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Miscellaneous

Hoxie Bros. cancelled its two shows at Sea Girt, N.J., due to Hurricane Belle, then honored its tickets at other locations.

Sells & Gray skipped its night show at Hudson, N.H. (Aug. 9) due to Hurricane Belle. They had to seek refuge on a parking lot, and only a concession trailer was damaged.

The reptile exhibit pit show owned by Jim Davis, is currently making dates with W. D. Stanley Shows in Minnesota. The unit, produced by Manuel King, is managed by Wes Barton.

G-M Circus visitors have included: Frank Duke, Harry Anderson, Bill and Trudy Strong, Jimmy Douglass, Al Ross, John Benaka, Vern Woerner, Don Sandman, Bob Hoban, Ed Jones, Seymour Shapiro,

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Show Plans

The USA Nat'l Circus is continuing to draw good crowds for its current engagement in Peru. Two additional dates in that area are scheduled for next month. The show then goes into Ecuador for a month, another month in Panama and will open in Tokyo in Dec.

Highwire performer Unique McPeak is already in Japan where he is booked to walk a cable over a high natural waterfall. Japanese engineers erected the cable, which is over a half mile in length, enabling McPeak to set a new record for himself.

Already McPeak has set several new records in the States

ROUTES

Royal Lipizzan Stallion Show
 Aug. 31 Swift Current, Sask
 Sep. 1 Lloydminster
 2 Prince Albert
 3 Saskatoon
 4-5 Regina
 W. G. Wade Shows
 to Sep. 6 Detroit, Mich.

and shortly after his highly publicized Yosemite Valley walk, he and Stevie Wallenda walked a quarter mile cable in Santa Cruz, Calif. Upon his return to the U.S. he will walk a cable over the Anaheim Stadium. This cable is 150 ft. above the ground and a quarter of a mile long.

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Show Guest

What could well be my last circus visit of the season took place at Weirs Beach (N.H.) on Aug. 8th, where Sells & Gray were sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. The show looked impressive set-up on the old speedway - like a real old-time show. It could be that I am prejudiced since I was in DeLand (Fla) the winter of 1961-62 when the show was being framed for operation, with William English as manager. I stayed with it until the end of 1967 when Bill retired as manager and yours truly also vanished from the scene. But it was good to be back in my old "cage" (my affectionate term for the office wagon) talking with Willie Storey.

A visit to the trailer home of the Novotnys, where Vince still puts the "rag" up and down with speed and efficiency, found he was busy. As a result our visiting

was spent with his wife, Vlasta. She no longer appears in the circus ring, except to help her charming daughter, Donna, who has a head balancing trap act, which is done with grace and style, and never fails to receive a fair share of the audience applause.

Other performers in the show are the impressive and articulate Billy Earle as ringmaster; the Florenz Duo; the Antoys; Marie France and her Yorkshire terriers plus the Estradas who have an excellent teeterboard number.

It is a fast-paced, nicely balanced program - real circus from start to finish, and the 3/4 house at the first show, showed their approval with enthusiasm at the close of each display.

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Program highlights were:

George Barrada, working the cat act for his recuperating father; Jimmy Plunkett, low wire; The Flying Carrolls; Al's Lemonzeen, comedy car; The Plunketts, trampoline; Lou Regan, elephants and Eddie Ventura's rocket car.

Prior to the Aug. 13th evening show, Ernie and Gladys Wiegand, formerly of Carson & Barnes

Suit Filed

A suit asking for \$44,700 in lost wages has been filed by a Texas entertainer against Showtime Entertainment Corp. and its operators in Ohio.

The suit, filed by James Warvell, states he signed a contract for the Warvell Family to perform with Showtime USA from June 17 through Nov. 14, 1976.

The show folded after eight days on the road and Warvell, who was to have been paid \$2,500 a week, says he lost \$44,700 as a result of the unfilled contract.



and Jim and Kathleen Davis, formerly of Fisher Bros. and Franzen Bros., visited with show folks Jimmy Conners, Snooks Swain and June Plunkett.

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BILLY BARTON (Continued)

Jenny Wallenda a grandmother - again.

While FLO OLSON was in Europe visiting brother Guy, Maria took over Flo's bar-maiding job at Showfolks....Performers who worked the Reading (Pa) date recently, included the Nocks and high wire artist Louis Murillo, received only 20% of their contract salary. Rumors coming out of Sarasota suggest there is a lawsuit against the company that hired the acts.

Designer GEORGE DA DEPPO caught up with the galloping HERIOTS when the Diamond S Rodeo was in his area....Concert bands in the Wisconsin/Illinois border cities have been featuring selections of circus music created by BARBARA TAGGART....The CANESTRELLIS, the WAINWRIGHTS and GERARD SOULES now in "Luau Land" for PAUL KAYE. Gerard who bought out his ice show contract in Europe, turned around and signed with another ice show here. He also took delivery on a new trailer featuring a sunken living room which he designed personally.

TAJANA had her hand clawed feeding the tigers - infection set in and she had to be hospitalized, briefly.....Struppi did her Princess Tajana trapeze act for two shows early this season, surprised herself that she could still do it with ease. NONE of us are surprised, however, at ANYTHING the incredible Struppi does!

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PEOPLE

CHARLIE COX visited the G-M Circus at Wheeling, W.Va., where IVAN E. MYERS (Shrine Circus) was a visitor as was WALKER DICK, the creator of the famous "All American Boys."

WALLY NAUGHTIN, CEMON MARTINEZ and WILLIAM BAKER, of Circus Vargas, recently visited with JOHN and HERTA CUNEO and JIMMY HALL at Marineland in Canada.

SIMONE FINNER will produce a circus at Atlanta (Ga.) late this year for the Sid & Marty Croft Amusement Park.

The COMMANCHEROS return to G-M next week....and SUSAN MARTINEZ told me her mother LUCY is still flabbergasted by that Honolulu luncheon at which she appeared last year for Kaye Cont'l where the men were stark naked! Suzy said I could print it!

See you down the road, luv

PEOPLE

EMIL HAHN, bandleader at the Old Chicago Mall, directs a ten piece band in his specially built bandstand trailer.

COL. JERRY LIPKO has added a new Honda motorcycle to his chimp act, courtesy of Mike Lilly.

ED CARLSON, prop boss for Gatti-Charles Circus, recently broke his foot, but continues to work each day.

JON FRIDAY visited the Sells & Gray Circus at North Adams, Mass.

MARGUERITTE BARTON, recently suffered a stroke, but is recovering rapidly.

THE LANGS, THE MILLERS, THE

BARRYS, GREAT HOLVECK, BOB & JANE and ROBERT WILLIAMS are among the acts signed for the upcoming '77 season of the Cole All Star Show.

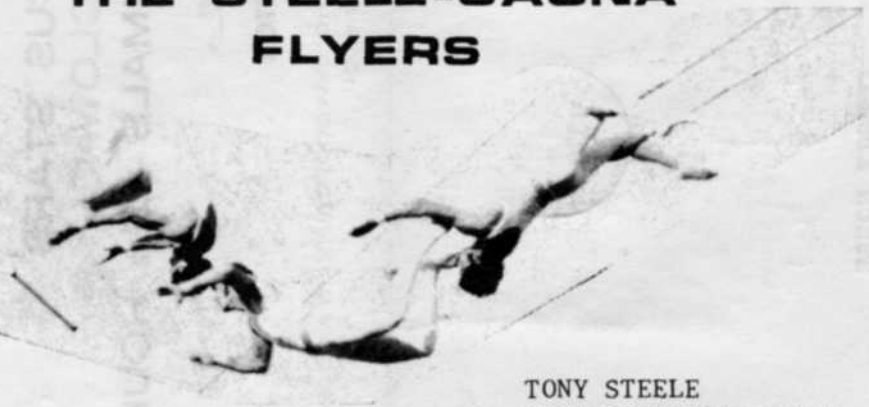
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FUROR OVER LOT (Continued)

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