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CONVENTION

Some 300 "little people" held their 15th annual convention at Oakland, Calif. last week, at the Hilton Hotel. The group "Little People of America" was formed in 1957 by movie actor Billy Barty, who is still very active in the 2,000 membership organization.

The group was organized as a means of sharing problems that confront "little people," plus job information, education and things like providing information on local and state benefits. The group also offers counseling for families who have "drawfs" among their members.



COMING

Next week is an interesting story about King Bros. Circus.

There will also be a full list of show routes, news about show people and other special features.

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Back to the *Show*

Performances of the Fisher Bros. Circus are currently being directed by James A. Davis, from a chair stationed near the entranceway. Davis recently returned from the hospital where doctors placed a steel plate in his leg.

A compound fracture of the lower leg was suffered by Davis during a performance of the circus. "Jenny," the elephant, was laying down when Davis started to mount her. The elephant threw her leg, which tossed Davis into the air and he landed with his leg under his body.

Quick work on the part of a doctor in the audience helped prevent additional injury to the leg. After emergency treatment Davis was sent to Enid, Okla. (100 miles away) to have the leg set.

The doctor at the circus, it turned out, was the same man who just that morning had set broken arms for Mel Silverlake's son and niece. They were injured during a rehearsal prior to the show.

Finale

Former circus performer Marie Guthrie passed away on July 4th at Tampa, Fla. She joined the Rose William Show after marrying Fred Guthrie and trouped on many of the old shows including Deck's Silver Bros. and Ketrow's Kay Bros.

She is survived by a son, Fred Junior.

star succumbs

An authority on the health and training of elephants -- Gosta Kruse (45) -- died early this month while on tour in France. He was on the Cirque Pinder-Jean Richard and was buried in the show's home town.

Kruse was well known for his work with elephants and he authored the book "Trunk Call" in 1962. His first job with elephants was with the Trolle Rhodin Zoo Circus. From 1952 to 1964 he was with Bertram Mills and when that show folded he joined the French circus.

He was the son of a circus horse trainer and the nephew of the owner of Circus Orlando of Sweden. Survivors include his widow, Joan, who was injured by an elephant early this year, and a daughter Yvonne.

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Police Solicitations

EDITOR: I was amazed to receive a notice from the Oakland Police Officers Association demanding \$7.50 (second reminder) for tickets to the Grand Ole Opry Show.

At no time did I order anything from the Oakland Police Officers Association, and I think this is a very crude form of coercion. Clearly the implication is there that I had better pay or else.

I believe in a well-paid police department with adequate pension and survivors benefits, and I know the Oakland policemen receive these. They should be the first to stamp out this type of solicitation for the sake of their own good name. If not, the Oakland City Council should do it for them.

MRS. FRANCIS DUNN,
Hayward.

Memories

(from the St. Louis Globe-Democrat of July 17, 1873)

"Causing great excitement here and in the surrounding countryside was an announcement that P. T. Barnum's Great Exhibition would soon arrive for a week-long engagement. Workmen were setting up seating and tents on a two-block site on Olive Street."



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memory thing

(From Annie Oakley and the Wild West by Walter Havighurst - published in 1954) Submitted by Eric Wilson.

Show life was the unloading in an empty place. It was the packing up and moving on. It was the all-night clicking of the rails, the wail of the train whistle, the big dark unknown country passing by. It was the band playing, horses prancing, people lining the streets for the parade in a strange city. It was the hot noon confusion of the lot, the sweaty canvasmen lying in the shade of their wagons, steers bawling from the corral, the cook clanging an iron skillet with an iron spoon.

Show life was rain drumming on the tent roof while you stood on a bale of straw to change your costume. It was the teamsters lashing the draft horses while the wagons sank hub-deep in the straw-strewn mud.

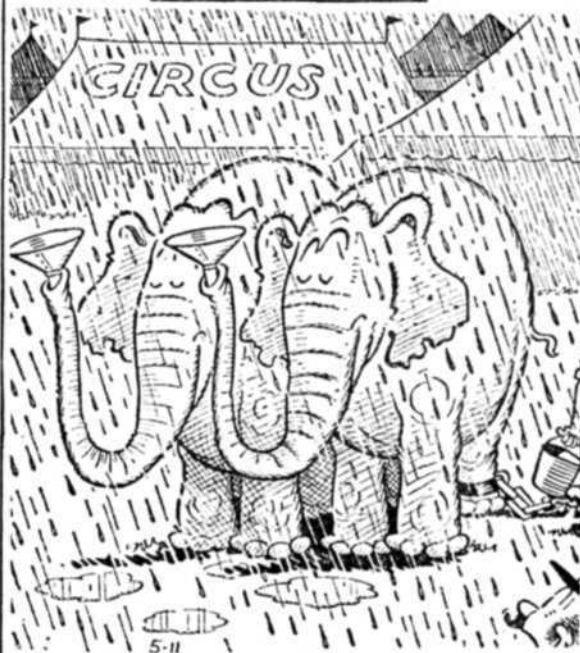
It was the cowboys sitting on a wagon tongue in the sunset, picking their teeth with stems of hay and talking about the outfit back on the Niabrara River. It was homesickness, the aching mind and heart and muscles, the desire for a quiet fireplace and the circle of lamplight on a checkered tablecloth.

Show life was the tumult of the arena and the night silence when stars looked down on the tents of the Indians and the tethered ponies -- like a Pawnee camp far out on the Laramie plains,

San Diego Zoo Moving Wolves

The San Diego Zoo is closing its Wolf Woods area after three attacks since 1971 on youngsters trying to take shortcuts through the exhibit.

In the latest attack, Gonzalo Almedia, 12, of Guadalajara, Mexico, climbed the wall last Friday. The wolves bit him on the chest, arms and feet.



Show life was the wild and boundless west and it also was Chicago and Indianapolis, Birmingham and Elmira, Springfield and Boston, Davenport and Sioux Falls.

Sometimes you wake up in the dead of night as the clanging crossing signals spoke of the show train's passing and you wondered if it was real.

ROUTES

Allen's Petting Zoo
 Jul 29-20 Fresno, Calif.
 Aug 1-5 Antioch

Beatty-Cole Circus
 Jul 30 Findlay, Ohio
 31 Columbus
 Aug. 1 Springfield
 2 Middletown
 3 New Castle, Ind.
 4 Indianapolis
 5 Columbus

Carden Johnson Circus
 July 30 Moberly, Mo.
 31 Cementon
 Aug. 3-4 Waynesville, Ohio

Cerson & Barnes Circus
 July 30 Blue Island, Ill.
 31 Dolton
 Aug. 1 Sauke Village
 2 Olympia Fields
 3 Cedar Lake
 4 Waukega

Hubert Castle Circus
 Jul 30 Winner, S. D.
 31-Aug 1 Norfolk, Nebr
 Aug 2 Columbus
 4 Ft. Smith, Ark.

Circus Kirk
 July 30 St. Marys, W. Va.
 31 Pennsboro
 Aug. 5 South Fork, Pa.

Diamond "5"
 July 30 Cario, Mich.
 31 Mason
 Aug. 2 Bicknell, Ind.
 3 Paoli
 4 Eaton, Ohio
 5 Anderson, Ind.

Fisher Bros. Circus
 July 30 Louisville, Colo
 31 Idaho Springs
 Aug 1 Bloomfield
 2 Windsor
 3 Brighton
 4 Strasburg

Garden Bros. Circus
 Aug. 4-10 Three Rivers, Qbc

George Matthews Circus
 Jul 29-30 Madison, Wisc.
 Aug. 1 Winona, Minn.
 2-4 Minneapolis
 5 St. Cloud

Happytime Circus
 Aug. 1-5 Napa, Calif.

Hoxie Bros. Circus

Lewis Bros. (Continued)
 Aug. 3 Franklin, W. Va.
 4 Monterey, Va.

Miller Johnson Circus
 Jul 30-31 Trenton, N.J.
 Aug. 1 Allentown, Pa.
 3-6 Reading

Polack Bros. Circus
 Aug. 3-4 Bellingham, Wash

Ringling's Blue Unit
 Aug. 2-5 Des Moines, Iowa

Ringling's Red Unit
 to Aug. 8 Inglewood, Calif.

Royal Bros. Circus
 Jul 30 Virginiatown, Ont.
 31 Eagle Hart
 Aug 1-2 No Show
 3-4 Mahewa
 5 No Show

Royal Lipizzen Show
 Aug. 1-2 Portland, Oregon

Rayson Bros. Circus
 July 30 Blairsville, Ga.
 Aug. 1-2 Hayesville, N.C.
 3-4 Franklin
 5 Highlands

Rudy Bros. Circus
 Aug. 1-14 Chicago, Ill.

Tommy Scott-Tim McCoy Show
 July 30 Sturgeon Bay, Wisc
 Aug. 2 Cheboygan, Mich.
 3 Alpena
 4 Oscoda
 5 West Branch

John Strong Circus
 Jul 30-Aug 1 Detroit, Mich
 Aug. 2 Enroute
 3-7 Chicago, Ill.

TNT & Royal Olympic Circus
 July 29 Milton, Iowa
 30 Sold Out
 31 Enroute
 Aug. 1 Kansas City, Kans
 3-4 Overland Park

Wallende Circus
 July 31 Matchez, Minn.
 Aug. 3-4 Baton Rouge

Wonderful World of Horses
 Aug. 3-5 Seattle, Wash.

..... SPECIAL ROUTES

Dancing Waters
 Jul 30-Aug 4 Hopkinsville, K
 Aug. 4-10 Trois Riv. Canada

Peggy Fleming Ice Show
 Jul 31-Aug 5 Washington, DC

Don's Amusements (Cont'd)
 Aug 2-5 Baudette, Minn.

James H. Drew Shows
 Jul 29-Aug 4 Charleston, Ill

Gooding Amusements
 Jul 29-Aug 3 Centerville, Ia
 30-Aug 4 New Bethlehem, Pa
 31-Aug 4 Plain City, Ohio

Great American Shows
 Jul 30-Aug 4 Caledonia, NY
 29-Aug 4 Whitney Pt.

Green Tree Shows
 Jul 30-Aug 4 Shelbyville, Ky

Hale's Shows of Tomorrow
 Aug. 1-4 Deshler, Nebr

Bob Hammond Shows
 Jul 31-Aug 5 Rochester, Minn

Joyland Shows
 Jul 31-Aug 3 Scottsboro, Id

D. L. Manning Shows
 Jul 30-Aug 1 Clintonville, Pa

McBride Shows
 Jul 31-Aug 4 Covington, Va

Mid-South Shows
 Jul 30-Aug 4 Gallatin, Tenn

Miller Spectacular Shows
 Jul 31-Aug 4 Jefferson City, Mo.

Mississippi Valley Shows
 Jul 30-Aug 4 Harrisburg, Ill

Monarch Expo Shows
 Jul 28-Aug 4 Belleville, Ky

Moore's Greater Shows
 Jul 30-Aug 1 Geneva, Nebr
 Aug 1-4 Phillipsburg, Kans
 2-4 Jewelsburg, Colo

Murphy Bros. Exposition
 Jul 31-Aug 4 Albert Lee, Mo

Buck Page Exposition
 Aug. 5-11 Gouverneur, NY

Pugh Shows
 Jul 29-Aug 4 Portland, Ind
 Aug 5-11 Connersville

Reithoffer Shows
 Jul 31-Aug 4 Ithaca, NY

Rose City Rides
 Jul 30-Aug 1 Prairie Home
 Aug. 3-4 Boonville, Mo.

Skerbeck Shows
 Jul 30-Aug 4 Harrison, Mich

Spaulding Shows
 Jul 30-Aug 4 Carthage, Tenn

Ralph Wagner Shows
 Jul 31-Aug 4 DeLeon, Texas

Happytime Circus
 Aug. 1-5 Nape, Calif.

Hoxie Bros. Circus
 July 30 Manahawkin, N.J.
 31 Pomona
 Aug. 1 Brigatine
 2 Ocean Gate
 3 Toms River
 4 Lavellette
 5 New Lisbon

Int'l Las Vegas Circus
 Aug. 1 Mapa, Calif.

Ironberg Circus
 Jul 30-Aug 5 San Mateo, Cal

King Bros. Circus
 July 30 Marquette, Mich
 31 Manistique
 Aug. 1 St. Agnece
 2 Onoway
 3 Charlevoix
 4 Grayling

Lewis Bros. Circus
 July 30 Oakland, Md.
 31 Barton
 Aug. 1 Romney, W. Va.
 2 Moorefield

Peggy Fleming Ice Show
 Jul 31-Aug 5 Washington, DC

Furness County Fair
 Aug. 2-4 Beaver, Nebr.

Ice Classic Show
 Aug. 1-4 Springfield, Mo.

Regina Buffalo Days
 Jul 30-Aug 4 Regina, Canada

Sea Festival
 Aug. 4-10 Long Beach, Calif

..... CARNIVALS

American Eagle Shows
 Aug. 2-4 Beaver City, Nebr

Blue Grass Shows
 Aug. 2-11 Davenport, Iowa

Lawrence Carr Shows
 Aug. 2-11 Quebec, Canada

Central State Shows
 Jul 30-Aug 1 Beloit, Kans.

Continental Shows
 Aug. 1-5 Keene, N. H.

Dell & Travers Shows
 Jul 30-Aug 4 Cumberland, Md

Don's Amusements
 Jul 30-Aug 1 Ulivia, Minn

..... NOTES

During the Milwaukee Circus parade on July 4th one of the horses in the 40 horse team fell, but he was quickly gotten on his feet

Business for Lewis Bros. has been generally good and with fair weather. They recently won a full page ad in a Bloomington, Ind. paper

Unconfirmed reports indicate that the John Strong Circus had a blowdown early this month.

Back in 1953 Columbia pictures had plans for a circus movie with Mickey Rooney as its star. The film would have been made on Poleck Bros but the deal fell through.

royal bros.

The new Royal Bros. Circus is playing to full houses day after day, reports Dave Knoderer, drummer and announcer on the show. To quote Dave - "Everyday is a straw house up here, cold turkey.."

The Royal Bros. Circus is playing dates in Ontario, with some of the jumps requiring two days to make.

Dave, who was formerly with Clark & Walters, has his sister on the show to play the organ. Also on the show are the Frank Noel Family, Irv Lang Family and Dennis Michael.

Show personnel, in addition to those already named, includes:

- Al Stencil and John Frazier - owners and managers
- Bob Rayborn, Jim Kernan and Dick Forest - concessions
- Bob Rayborn - boss canvas
- Jim Kernan - purchasing agent
- Dave Knoderer - bannerman
- Al Stencil and Wm. Inman - advan.
- David Allen - bill poster
- Shirley Stencil - office
- John Frazier - manager
- Gary Noel - producing clown
- Paula Knoderer - calliope and Punch & Judy

The side show is under the direction of John Frazier and David Knoderer. Attractions include: Dennis Michael, magic; John Frazier, fire eater; Dave Knoderer, bagpipes; Paula, Punch & Judy. The

Nat's CLOWN WEEK -
AUG. 1 - 7

Four ROLLS ON

Confusion caused by the merger of Fisher Bros. and Wallace & Clark has been ironed out and we are running pretty smooth, reports Mel Silverlake. "It was a mix-up when we first decided to combine as there was two of everything and we had two people for every job."

For the first week after the merger Fisher Bros. was rolling on 32 trucks. Since then, however, the best of the equipment was retained, while the rest was put into storage.

The extra personnel who were capable, and did not have to be on the show, put put on the advance crew. This gives the sponsors a show assistant right up to the time the circus arrives.

The move has apparently paid off since the enlarged show is doing good business in small towns and in many cases extra shows are required.



THE CLOWNS

Clowns reportedly appearing on the L. N. Fleckles Circus includes:

Ed Dullums	Bill Alcott
John MacKey	Bill Cowan
Jim-Jim	Artie Williams
Charlie Franks	

side show also has the show's elephant, ponies, llama, monkey and a "What is it?"

USDA REPORT

The U. S. Dept. of Agriculture recently made its report to Congress about the Animal Welfare Act of 1970.

The report is a statistical compilation of enforcement activities during 1972, and was prepared by the Animal Care Staff of USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, of Hyattsville, Md.

Essentially, the report gives state-by-state listings on the number of:

-- Prelicensing inspections done at various types of licensed businesses

-- Unprocessed license applications on hand at the end of the year

Complaints and violations of various types processed during the year

-- Routine, unannounced inspections conducted at various types of licensed businesses

-- Animals used in experiments by registered research facilities

-- And experiments justifiably conducted without the use of pain-killing drugs for animals exposed to pain or distress

Further, the report updates previously issued lists of names and addresses of businesses licensed and registered under the Animal Welfare Act.

The Act requires licensees and registrants to provide good care and creature comforts for regulated

NAMES

CHESTER CABLE has reportedly joined the George Matthews Circus for the remainder of the season.

ANTON LA VEY, former circus callopie player, now directs the Church of Satan in San Francisco, Calif.

HAL HAVILAND will have his dogs and ponies on the Bezo TV Show from Chicago, Ill. on Aug. 16th.

EVIL KNIEVEL is featured in a picture story in the August 1973 issue of "Sage" magazine.

EMMETT KELLY, Sr., was at the big Ross-Atkins store in San Francisco on July 24th.

BETTY KAYE, west coast agent, is recovering from a recent illness.

PRINCE EL KIGOR, former wild animal trainer, is reportedly now driving trucks in the east.

MAY KOVAR, Jr. is looking for photos of the late May Kover, famous animal trainer. Anyone having such pictures could contact: May Kover, Jr., 1650 Walnut St., La Puente, Calif. - 91744.

Animal League 101

CAPE TOWN—South Africa's first animal-protection agency, the Cape of Good Hope Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, was founded in 1872.

animals. Regulations under the Act set standards for housing, shelter, ventilation, sanitation, feeding, watering, veterinary care, handling, separation of incompatible animals and transportation.

sawdust trail. M.L. Dupont

Ringling Bros. Red Unit started the 1973 season with 15 new clowns from "Clown College." Three quit in New York City, because they didn't fit in and so today they have 12 remaining. Incidentally the clowns do 63 gags on the show, plus production numbers.

An ABC-TV show recently filmed the Carson & Barnes Circus for showing later in the year. At about the same time an NBC-TV crew filmed the Louisiana Purchase Gardens and Zoo at Monroe, where this writer works as Dodo, The Clown.

The Souvenir issue of the "Milwaukee Sentinel" is a real circus issue. It has 20 pages of good circus articles and pictures.

Fisher Bros. Circus is gradually heading west and just this month has played in Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska and Colorado.

When the Ringling Red Unit played at Tucson, Ariz. many of the show people moved into motels for the six day run. Over 50 children joined their parents there.

Elephants for the Milwaukee Circus Parade were provided by Tony Diemo and Holter's Movieland Animals, all led by Tommy, the tuskier.

The Great Schlitz Circus Parade on July 4th was divided into eight sections with 65 circus wagons, plus 60 antique cars and several two wheel carts.