

# THE CIRCUS REPORT

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# Show Dates

Carson & Barnes Circus

Aug 31 Lemont, Ill.

Sep 1 Dowagiac, Mich.

2 Hillsdale

3 Monroe

4 Willard, Ohio

5-7 Tallmadge

Circus Arts Troupe

Sep 2-5 San Antonio, Tex.

Hoxie Bros. Circus

Aug 31 Rochelle, Ill.

Sep 1 Pontiac

2 Ottawa

3 Hobart, Ind.

4 Highland

5 Joliet, Ill.

6 Chesterton, Ind.

Martin & Downs Circus

Aug 31 New Castle, N.B.

Sept 1 Sheila

2 Paquetville

3 Beresford

4 Dalhousie

5 Kedgewick

6 Grand Falls

7 Edmondson

Pickle Family Circus

Sep 3-8 Laguna Beach, Cal.

Ringling-Barnum - Red

Aug 25-Sep 1 Oakland, Cal.

Sept 3-7 San Francisco

Roberts Bros. Circus

Aug 31 Bloxom, Md.

Royal Crown Circus

Aug 31-Sep 6 Lincoln, Neb

Royal Imperial Circus

Aug 28-31 Ogden, Utah

Sep 2-5 Salt Lake City

Royal Lichtenstein Circus

Aug 31-Sep 2 Fresno, Cal.

Sep 3-7 Sacramento

Royal Palace Circus

Sep 3-7 Layton, N.Y.

---- MAGIC ----

Krystali

Sep 1-3 Baton Rouge, La.

4-5 Monroe

6-7 Shreveport

Pf. Miller - Magic Time USA

Sep 1 Chadron, Nebr.

2 Torrington, Wyo.

3 Scottsbluff, Nebr.

4 Alliance

5 Sidney

Texas Assoc. of Magicians

Sep 4-7 Houston, Texas

---- OTHER DATES ----

Burr's Fun-O-Rama

Aug 30-Sep 7 Windsor, Me.

James H. Drew Exposition

Aug 31-Sep 5 Pennington

Gap, Va.

Poco Plus . .

to Sep 20 Des Moines, Iowa

Scott's Medicine Show

Aug 31 Wallaceburg, Ont

Sep 1 Woodstock

2 Strathroy

3 St. Thomas

5 Simco

Tip Top Shows - Blue

Sep 3-7 Plymouth, Wisc.

Tip Top Shows - Green

Sep 3-7 Mineral Point, Wisc

Whizzer the Clown

Sep 5 Jacksonville, Ohio

Dime and Connie Wilson

Aug 26-28 Clinton, Tenn.

# Report

## HOXIE BROS. CIRCUS

BY PAUL HORSMAN

Just caught Hoxie Bros. Circus here in Auburn (NY). They moved across New York state with long jumps after having played it more thoroughly in June. The big top has been completely repaired, by a crew that was sent ahead, yet New York state would not let them put up the repaired to, so they sidewalled it.

Weather was very good here and both performances drew good crowds, both being close to full houses.

Performance is good and the band is outstanding. Band includes leader Charles Moyer, trumpet, two other trumpet players, a trombone and drummer. When possible Gary Holveck doubled in brass on the tuba. Leader Charles Moyer also doubled in brass at one point by playing both the trumpet and drums at the same time.

Despite the long jump, the show got in and up on time, after coming from Johnstown. Performances were at 6 and 8 p.m.

# PEOPLE

BRUCE ANDERSON, high act, will be appearing at the California State Fair in Sacramento, Calif., Aug. 28-Sept. 7th.

FORREST JARVIS, for many years on the stage with his own magic show, and later on the Kirkwood Penn Premier and Joyland Shows, would appreciate hearing from old friends. Write him at: Aivert Nursing Home, 953 Airport Road, Ceredo, W. Va. 25507.

There were many visitors on the lot here, including James M. Cole, Roger and June Moore, independent Shrine Circus promoters from Dallas, Al Stopyra, Charles Seely, Frank Howard, Dick Thompson, Don Ninestine, Harry Clarke, Don and Barbara Kowell, Pat DiPonzio and daughter Laurie and Richard Flint.

The show will be using the repaired tent upon entering Ohio and for the rest of the season.

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# Report

## MAINE STATE FAIR ACTS

BY ELOISE HICKOK

Acts playing at the Maine State Fair, Aug. 9-15, at Lewiston, Maine, were:

The Rolandos, juggling; Roger DuBois, trapeze; Jim Davis, The Little Hobo and his dog act; Marcelli & Janis, wire; Lipko's Comedy Chimps; Roger, plate spinning; Joanne Jennier, trapeze, plus the Billy Burr Fun-O-Rama Show on the midway.

## HUBLER INT'L CIRCUS

BY KAYE SCHEIMAN

George Hubler's Hubler Int'l Circus played La Porte, Ind., for the County Fair on Aug. 7th. Only one show was given with the following program:

Come-in by 'Prof. Hardy' with a Howdy contest and balloons (Wayne Liikala); Color Book pitch; National Anthem; George Hanneford Family, ponies; Miss Barbara (Van Voorden), foot juggler; Susan Sheryll's Royal Afghan Champions; George Hanneford Family, riding act; Prof. Hardy, magic; Davide Zoppe, unsupported ladder; Princess Morningstar, trapeze; Clowns and 'Crack-shot'; Zoppe's Rhesus Monkey act; George Hanneford's elephants.

# MAILBAG

FROM JOEY JORDAN

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the International Juggler's Association on their recent successful convention in Ohio, which I could not attend due to my busy schedule.

I hear there were 600 conventioners from all over the world.

Also, my congratulations to my friend Tommy Curtain who won top honors in the annual national championships.

FROM CIRCUS JOE VALENCIANO

Mama Valenciano celebrates her 84th birthday on Aug. 5th. Her daughters, Ulla and Inge are planning a trip to Europe next month.

Joe Goetz-Valenciano recently enjoyed a 15 minute segment of 'Circus Vargas' on 'The Big Blue Marble' TV Show. The following day a segment on Ringling's Clown College was shown. On Aug. 6th, Harry Blackstone was on The Palace TV program.

Hedy Arturo has joined her brother Pepy on 'Holiday on Ice & Ice Follies Combined Shows.'

Mr. Arturo flew to England on Aug. 6th to visit his son, trapeze artist Cooky who is currently appearing at a park in Blackpool. Then he will go to Austria to see his family

# Show Report

## BIG JOHN'S CLOWN CAPADES

BY RAYMOND SILS

*Big John's production of Clown Capades completed its latest tour in Austin, Texas, on Aug. 30th.*

The talent line-up was: Minutes before the curtain the audience was greeted by Crissy the clown. Suddenly musicians Neil Armstrong and Jim Miller began a rousing overture which definitely prepared the crowd for a fantastic performance yet to come.

Announcer Al Leonard greeted the audience and was met with a thunderous applause. The show began with the sensational Weller Family (rola bola and balancing) featuring two adorable moppets - Shannon and Kelly. Comedy took the audience by storm with the appearance of Giovanni's Comedy Plate Spinning. The Clown Capades then brought tears of laughter to the eyes of the audience with their marvelous presentation of the sidewalk elevator.

Next came what had to be considered the highlight of the show. Suddenly the auditorium was cloaked in total darkness as the announcer introduced Dorian Blake. At once red and blue lights began to flash in the darkness and Dorian Blake appeared in a midst of an explosion of flame on center stage. He then began a series of rapid and unbelievable productions of assistants and then a baffling series of dove appearances and vanishes.

The audience was then treated to a brief intermission.

The second half opened with the heart warming and loveable presentation of Chris Alberti's poodles. Then it was back to the comedy theme with a classical presentation by the Great Stradivario.

Next came unbelievable juggling dexterity by Flippo and Crissy. Once again the clowns took the audience by storm with Busy Bee.

Dorian Blake was brought back for a second appearance and was greeted by an unbelievable round of applause (Note, this performer really makes the ladies in the audience sit up and take notice). He performed one of the most rapid substitution escapes, leaving the audience breathless. Needless to say, Dorian was brought back for a second bow to a sensational round of applause and whistles.

The performance was concluded with a

## REPORT

### SHOW NOTES OF INTEREST . . .

BY WES HERWIG

*Hoxie Bros. Circus played all of its Vermont and New Hampshire dates, except two, without the big top. The top was badly damaged in a blowdown at Saratoga Springs, NY, on July 19th. Management sent the torn top to St. Johnsbury, Vt., scheduled for a week later, to be repaired by part of the crew, and made the next five dates side-walling the show, beginning at Bennington on July 20.*

*Hoxie played Burlington, Vt., July 26th, following Roberts Bros., which played the area July 6th. Bentley Bros. also showed the city, playing there Aug. 4-5.*

*Chuck Clancy was in his home town of Rochester, Vt., on July 25th for the community's bi-centennial celebration, taking part in the parade with Bucky Steele's elephants and providing elephant rides.*

*Roberts Bros. Circus paraded its elephant, ponies and performers in the bi-centennial parade in Randolph, Vt., on July 4th, which along with a band concert and balloon ascension on the lot helped to boost circus attendance to the point where three shows were given.*

## HOTLINE

*Aug. ? - Canada - Animal trainer Kay Rosaire lost her house trailer when it and a truck were rolled on a Canadian highway during a show move. The unit was being driven by a driver who escaped injury, but the house trailer was a total loss and the truck, though damaged, will be repaired.*

whimsical and colorful Burgalars and the Safe, featuring an all clown cast. The conclusion to the Safe Gag was a series of fireworks and chase lights which left the crowd howling for more!

The show closed with Al Leonard's version of "There's No Business Like Show Business" with all the clowns on stage.

This was truly an evening of entertainment that the city of Austin, Texas, will not soon forget.

# Report

## PICKLE FAMILY CIRCUS

BY FRANK HERMAN

SRO was the order of the day for all four performances of the Pickle Family Circus at Bandon, Ore., July 18-19. The troupe presented their established wizardry for a wildly enthusiastic crowd at each show.

Their magic even extends to the weather. Since they work within sidewalls with no top old Sol's cooperation is essential. The sky's *were threatening during setup but cleared* by the first show and stayed that way for both fun filled days.

The show is much like last season and relays heavily on solo, duo and mass juggling. New bits include a maxi and mini gorilla surprise and here, there and nowhere Mr. Pickle routine that finished with multiplying Mr. Pickles,

Watching the Pickle Family show is a post graduate course in empathy - it has to be seen to be believed.

For the show's date here they had a 12 page program that was filled with ads, plus a plea

for financial help to keep the show going.

The cast included: Al Brown, Robert Burkhardt, Cecilia Distefano, Geoff Hoyle, Jonah Hoyle, Marc Jondall, Billy Kessler, Terry Loran, Don McMillan, Michael Ohta, Wendy Parkman, Larry Pisoni, Lorenzo Pisoni, Rori Reber, Gypsy Snider, Peggy Snider, Joanne Sonn and Susan Travers.

The band included: Bill Belasco, Randy Craig, Mark Kennedy, Michael Moore and Harvey Robb.

## PEOPLE

HUNT BUSHNELL and WINI McKAY recently visited with DOROTHY KERBERT KENNARD at her home in Thousand Oaks, Calif.

BRIAN LaPALM, CINDI KING, DAVE GUIDONE, WAYNE LaCHARITE and JOSEPH DiFRANCESCA, side show performers, were featured in a special photo story in the Gazette of Essex, Conn. on July 15.

# PEOPLE

**QENNIS R. LOOMIS**, magician, and **ANNETTE T. THORNBERRY** were married at Lake Tahoe, Nevada, on Aug. 10th.

**POP CORN** and **ETCETERA** (clowns) are presently with the Carson & Barnes Circus after finishing up a tour with Big John Strong and his show.

**IRV ROMIG** has been busy with his Ricky Variety Show at many Union and Company Picnics around the Detroit area.

**HEIDI BOLZ**, aerialist, is featured with the Franzen Bros. Circus and was the subject of a special article in the Sheboygan (Wisc) Press, dated July 16, 1981.

"**TERRIBLE**" **TED TURNER** and his Atlantic-based TV station is producing "Atlantic City Alive" an hour-long weekly variety show. The program's format features at least one specialty act such as a juggler, animal act, magician, etc., from Resorts Int'l.

**CARLA WALLEDA**'s Thrill Show was a feature of the Jacktown Fair at Wind Ridge, Pa., July 28-Aug. 1st.

**ANGELA ADNEY**, skater, is featured as Donald Duck in the new Disney World on Ice show, which is now on tour.

**BILL KARLTON**, illusionist and show producer, of Richmond, Va., will be performing at the Atlantic City Convention Hall in September.

# in the NEWS

## CIRCUS MAN TAKEN INTO CUSTODY

*A special report by the Indianapolis, Ind., News, datelined Monticello, Ind., Aug. 13th.*

White County authorities traveled to West Virginia to arrest a Monticello man on a charge of writing a bad check of \$6,000.

The man faces lawsuits for several thousands of dollars from Indiana organizations which claim he reneged on promises to stage circuses in their communities.

James Begley, 32, was captured in Charleston after White County Prosecutor John Mc Laughlin received an anonymous tip that led investigators to West Virginia. Charleston police already had arrested Begley on a charge he conducted a false promotion there to raise money for battered women.

McLaughlin said Begley may be charged with writing other bad checks.

Officials had sought Begley since June, when Delphi Jaycees and other civic organizations filed a breach of contract suit in White County Court. The suit charges Begley collected \$500 to \$5,000 from the clubs, promising to stage a circus complete with trapeze artists, tightrope walkers, exotic animals and acrobatic clowns.

Before a circus performance set in Brazil, show sponsors there discovered Begley's circus troupe included one snake, a raccoon, a macaw, a sharpshooter, one clown and a 9 year old trampoline performer.

# in the **NEWS**

## ELEPHANT TAKES A WALK

Police in Upper Sandusky, Ohio, were reportedly surprised and helpless when they found an elephant walking out of town on Highway 53, on Aug. 5th.

The elephant, with a 4 ft. length of chain attached to its rear leg, had gotten loose from the Carson & Barnes Circus and apparently had decided to look over the countryside.

## **REPORT**

### CLOWN CAPADES

BY KAYE SCHEIMAN

The John Strong show "Clown Capades" gave one show at South Bend, Ind., on July 23rd.

The Alberti family returned to the show for this date after suffering a break-down at an earlier show.

The show was great this year and has already been reported on several times in The Circus Report.

Especially notable at this date was the fact that Floyd Bradbury and John Strong had a chance to visit after not having seen each other for some 28 years.

Visitors here included Floyd and Barbara Bradbury, coming in from the Holiday Hippodrome Circus.



from  
Don  
Marcks

We want to take a moment to say "Thanks" to all those who made contributions to Circus Report to help it through a couple of rather rough months. We appreciate your help and continued support.

We will certainly work hard to keep Circus Report going on a regular weekly schedule. For the present there are no changes planned in regard to prices as we will wait to see what the post office does about rate increase which will probably come about the first of the year.

We also want to thank Dave and Judy Twomey, of the Happytime Circus, for the Circus Report listing in their new coloring and program book. Their work and help is also very much appreciated.

P. S. Please note that the Post Office has already started to set up their new Zip Code Plus 4 system. As a result Circus Report now has a new zip code. Mail should henceforth be addressed:

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## In Memoriam

**JAMES A. HALEY** (82) a former circus president, died Aug. 6th at his home in Sarasota, Fla. He was born in Jacksonville, Ala., and was an accountant (1925-1933) until he became the manager of the John Ringling Estate (1933-1943), then he was named 1st Vice President of the Ringling Circus 1943-1945 and was president of the Ringling-Bar num Circus 1946-1948.

He was also an active Democrat and served as a Delegate to the Democratic Conventions in 1952 and 1960. He served in the Florida House of Representatives 1948-1952 and was elected to the U. S. House of Representatives in 1952, then was re-elected to eleven consecutive terms.

Survivors include his sister, Priscilla Haley Statham, two nephews and two neices.

**JIM HOELZER** (39) of Chicago, Ill., died suddenly on Aug. 6th. He was a member of the Circus Fans of America and had recently attended the CFA Convention in Scottsdale, Ariz. He was a friend of many fans and circus performers.

**HAZEL L. KING** (91) retired circus performer, died recently in Gainesville, Texas. She was born in Seattle, Wash., on Feb. 13, 1890 and had lived for the past 30 years in Gainesville.

She spent most of her life as a circus performer and was well known as a dog and horse trainer. She worked with the Ringling Circus, 101 Ranch Wild West, Disneyland and the Gainesville Community Circus, as well as many other major U. S. circuses. She was also well known for riding her horse "Major" in several Christmas parades.

Survivors include two daughters, Romona Maginiss and Pearl Hoxie, as well as several grandchildren.

## PEOPLE

**RICH DEPTULA**, of Lorain, Ohio, visited Hoxie Bros. Circus at Chesterland, Ohio, on Aug. 4th, where the show drew two straw houses. The high school band played during intermission, while hundreds of kids were lined up for the elephant ride.

## Miscellaneous

Great All American Youth Circus performer-trainer Danny Castoldi is diving this summer at Hanna-Barbera's Marineland for the Great American High Diving Team. Unique to this show is Castoldi's diving from a flying trap-eze rigging engineered by Bill Brandenberger and constructed by Jan Brinkman. Warren C. Wood, director of the Redlands, Calif., youth circus, assisted in the installation of the rigging over the dolphin arena at the Palos Verdes Peninsula Park in Southern California.

## In Memoriam

MARK WATSON (13) died in early August in England. He was the son of Ray 'Twink' Watson, Canadian aerialist and head of the Canadian Circus School in Toronto.

## For Sale

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## Top-Quality

BY ROBERT STODDARD

The TNT & Royal Olympic Circus played the Seminary South Shopping Center in Ft. Worth, Texas, Aug. 5-8. I visited for the last show on the 8th.

The show has a whole new appearance this year because the Center had put three new steel cables across the mall, and a brand new orange and yellow canopy covered the whole area. A new red canopy also covered the grandstand area, which is nice when the temperature hits 102 degrees.

The show was longer than it usually is (this one lasted 40 minutes) and because of this, the Houcs, Ingrid and Walter, did not do the plate spinning act. They are doing their fine juggling act, of course.

Terry O'Brien and Camille (and sons Owen and Liam), open with unicycles and close with the slack wire, balancing and juggling act.

Tim Tegge does his fire eating and a turn as Twinkles the clown. He also plays excellent drums to the spirited renditions of the old circus tunes played on the organ by his mother, Louise Tegge.

Earl Tegge is the ringmaster and does a good job of it.

Good, responsive crowds for the twelve shows made everyone happy.

The last show on Saturday was at 4 p.m. which gave the Tegges a chance to see the other circus that was playing Ft. Worth - the Ringling-Barnum Blue Unit at the convention center.

When I visited the show, some of the other members of the Ed Millette Tent No. 5, CFA were also visiting: Bill and Mildred Hooper; Winston Sparks; and Sylvan Walker. The manager of the unicycling King Charles Troupe, Ted Hansen and wife (from the Ringling circus) were also visiting.

The TNT show jumps to Joliet, Ill., and will then have two weeks off in Chicago, which will give them a chance to have their van repaired, after being rammed in the side door by an uninsured motorist in Dallas.

They'll reopen in Grand Rapids, Mich.; and that means a party with Herman Brandmiller and the CFA's in that area. (Darn, I forgot to tell them to say Hello to Herman and Elsie for Lou and I).

# in the NEWS

## CIRCUS WORLD CHIEF UNHAPPY

(by John Wark - as reported in the Sentinel Star of July 1, 1981).

Ever since Mattel, Inc., held its annual stock holder meeting June 12, news stories have been popping up that say the toy conglomerate is considering selling its group of entertainment companies which includes Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus World.

In the wake of the stories, Mattel and Circus World executives have scrambled to put things in perspective.

James Murphy, president and chief operating officer of the Central Florida theme park, was at the stockholder's meeting.

He left chagrined.

"The news conference (after the meeting) was a disappointment," Murphy says. "It's (the publicity) not needed when we're trying to establish credibility and stability."

As Murphy tells it, "a persistent reporter" at the end of the news conference, "looking for a story . . . twisted the words of (Mattel chairman) Art Spear."

Murphy says Spear was asked if Mattel had ever considered selling Circus World and Spear replied, "Yes, there have been times in the past few years when we considered it."

The newsman said he noticed that Mattel was not emphasizing funding of its entertainment group but was concentrating its financial resources on building up its business in toys and hobbies, publishing and electronic goods.

Spear, says Murphy, replied "that's a fact," but said the company was not ignoring its entertainment companies, which include Circus World, the two traveling Ringling Bros. circus shows, the Ice Follies and Holiday on Ice.

Spear also was asked if Mattel would seriously consider an offer for Circus World if someone made one.

"Art said if in fact someone were to approach us and we checked them out and they made an offer we were interested in, we would consider it," says Murphy.

"But that would be true of Six Flags, Disney, any business," Murphy added. "Next thing we know these articles come out."

Murphy says the stories were "not true". Every year there are stories about Mattel

selling Circus World, he says. Murphy says Spear made it clear that Mattel is not involved in discussions with Circus World suitors.

"I guess it is one of those misquotes, a misinterpretation.

"We're continuing on. We completed our second phase of capital expansion. We're just wrapping up some loose ends and preparing for a stronger summer. We have new shows, we're constantly bringing in more animals and more acts. We're increasing our advertising, going into TV and radio."

Murphy who was hired by Mattel last September to turn the theme park around financially, has been battling uphill. Attendance at the park which last year had dropped to 1.1 million annually, has continued to slip.

"Overall, it's (attendance) still slow. But it parallels tourism in the entire state," says Murphy.

Meanwhile, industry insiders were passing bets on whether the Marriott Corp. will make a bid for Circus World. The company owns theme parks in Gurnee, Ill., Santa Clara, Ca. and Rye, N.Y., and is said to have sought an attraction foothold here several times.

John Anderson, Marriott's vice president in charge of theme parks, said the rumor "is without foundation."

"It's ironic," says Murphy, "that this comes when we're in the final stages of campground and hotel studies (for Circus World). We've just presented our three year plan," which is awaiting Mattel approval.

"I'm sure not counting on anything like that (selling Circus World) happening in the near future."

## PEOPLE

DOUGLAS MacVALLEY (stunts) has been officially named talent and acts coordinator for Peter Jackson Productions, New York-Atlantic City.

JOEY JORDAN, juggler, will remain at the Playboy Hotel-Casino in Atlantic City for the duration of the summer and into the fall. He will unveil his new juggling act in Sept.

TERRY HEAD, comic and RICHARD EWELL soloist are featured in the Ice Capades show in Atlantic City, playing there through Sept. 4th.

# Report

## HOXIE BROS. CIRCUS

BY DON SANDMAN

Hoxie Bros. Circus played the Clark County Fairgrounds in Springfield, Ohio, on Aug. 9, for the Grotto.

The show was set up with the ticket wagon and office, plus pit show on the right of the front lot. Novelties and refreshments were in the center and the side show and pony ride on the left.

As you entered the big top a novelty booth was on the left and refreshments were on the right. All seating is blues as there is no reserved seats. The show is presented in one ring European style with the band in front of the performer's entrance.

The band for this performance was made up of five pieces: Charles Moyer, trumpet, and leader, Al Gouge, trumpet, John Smith, drummer, Steve Michael, trombone and Gary Holveck, baritone horn.

The performance was as follows:

Circus Overture by the band; Gary Holveck, announcer; Spec 'Circus on Parade'; The Bruski Trio, bikes; Adagio with the Bertloffs; Randon's Chimps (2); Holveck & Co., magic; Pochina, aerialist on trapeze; Clowns and the water gag; Rajah, elephant presented by Mike Rice; Intermission with elephant and pony rides and refreshments.

Miss Andromeda, balancing ladder; Randon's Canines (Wolfhounds, Dobermans and Greyhounds); Clowns with the strong man; Miss Que Yen Cheng, hair hang; Holveck & Co., The Metamorphosis (with four bewildered helpers from the audience); Clowns, Steve Michaels and his trombone (on vacation from the Broadway show 'Barnum'); The Hoxie Elephants featuring 'Hoxie' the African male, presented by James 'Dutch' Crawford.

As usual the fans were made to feel at home on the show by manager John Lewis and his staff and the performers.

The following fans and CMB's were seen on the lot: Larry Lyons, Al Conover, Sally Weitloff, Ed Jones, Jean Jones, Fred Pfenning, Jr.; Jim Saunders, Dale Haynes, Ricky Pfenning, Richard Shillahan, Dick Shillahan, John Winter, Norm Vodrey, Forrest Traylor, Jake Conover, Smiley Brewer, Ann Brewer, Porky South Stan Dillan, Wendel Cultice, Roger Harris,

# ACTS

## FEATURED ACTS

Several novelty acts were featured in the Medora, N. D., Medora Musical extravaganza presented June 12th thru Sept. 6th.

The shows, presented each evening at 8 p.m. featured The Fabulous Darnells, Magic with a Touch of Class; Lamberti, juggling extraordinary; Dynamic DeMille, Swashbuckling Star of the Tight Wire; and Victor Julian's Little Stars.

## Miscellaneous

### HE VISITS THE OLD HOME TOWN

For the first time in 19 years, Bruce "Charlie" Johnson returned to the town where he started school when the Carson & Barnes Circus played Brush, Colo.

The top half of the front page of the Brush News-Tribune was filled with a picture and story heralding his return. The paper sent a photographer with a car to take him to the places he remembered as a small boy and to record his visit. Large crowds attended both circus performances to welcome him back.



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The show, this year, is not selling a program book. They do sell an Enquirer Printing Co. coloring book with a program insert.

# Report

## THE ENGESSER ANIMALS

BY ROYCE R. THOMPSON

Thousands of excited shoppers in the Grafton County Faire Mall (Grafton, Wisc) enjoyed the rare opportunity to view, up close, the Don and Roxy Engesser's Exotic Felines, on Aug. 11-15.

Included in the exhibit were their tigers, lions, black leopard and Indian Leopard, with Mr. and Mrs. Engesser were Vates and Roby Engesser, Hollis Luce and Bill Wallace.

Hundreds of children were made happy by having an instant color photo taken of themselves with a live baby lion. Roxy was very pleased to answer all of the many questions that were asked about the animals.

Their next date was scheduled for Aug. 18-22 at Lima, Ohio.

## THE HANNEFORD CIRCUS

BY CLARENCE HASTINGS

For several weeks prior to closing on Aug. 9th, trained animals of the Royal Hanneford

Circus were presented at the Detroit Zoological Gardens.

The presentations alternated between: the Hanneford tigers, the Hanneford Riding Act, featuring Nellie Hanneford, Mark Karoly and Tommy Hanneford, Uncaged leopard Sabu, presented by Tajana, Mark Karoly, dressage and the Hanneford elephants.

Tigers were presented by Bill Golden, ringmaster was Senor Rai.

The other unit was Philip Anthony's Hollywood Liberty Horses, and Sergengeti Lions trained and presented by Andre. The ringmaster was George Da Deppo.

As a result of the animal circus zoo attendance increased dramatically.

## PEOPLE

BOB and ROSANNE D'ERCOLE's baby chimp "Katy" played Cheetah for a Tarzan spin-off at the 'Magique' night club in New York.

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# REPORT

**A MAGIC REVIEW . . .by Tom Piccard**

New for magicians who work with doves. Having been in the business of both performing magic, creating magic and clowning for over 15 years now, it's refreshing when something worthwhile and serviceable pops up.

I work with doves myself when performing magic shows and I had thought I had used about every dove harness device ever created - and they always gave me problems - fumbling for snaps to release the bird made the trick look clumsy and sloppy.

I tried one type of harness and had to use both hands and my elbow to get the thing opened. I tried another kind and while it was fast opening, the metal band was too much for the bird. I injured a bird before giving up on that one.

Now, a friend of mine, Jimmy Ray, himself a super star of magic - solves all the problems with his new Dove Harness. He has made the action of the release so simple and so smooth that if you can just move the thumb of one hand, out pops the bird. So simple a child can do dove steals like a pro.

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# Report

SUMMERFEST '81

BY CHRISTINA ENGLIASH

This year's Summerfest in Milwaukee, Wisc., which ran from June 25 to July 5, featured some of America's finest entertainment among which was Ron Kelroy's Festival Circus. It was by far one of the finest productions he has ever produced up there (it's his 9th year).

Leading the way was the intro and ringmastering of Col. Lucky Larabee; Overture '81 directed by Keith Killinger; The Great Huberto; Hollywood Stuntman; The Jupier Trio; Miss Loni and Miss Barbara, foot jugglers; Alonzo & Co., whips and ropes; The Chapman Sisters, revolving ladder; Renee & Michele's slides for life; Katinka's Poodles; Lou Ann Jacobs, single trapeze; The Nock Bros., sway poles and the Le Moine Troupe, aerial motorcycle, ending with a grand finale featuring a patriotic salute to America.

Once again Festival Circus has outdone itself with color and extravagance. For eleven days the show played to capacity including SRO and viewers from adjacent bleacher seats. Not one show was lost despite severe winds.

The circus was rated a 4 star special by the Milwaukee audiences. There were two blue and white checkerboard stages topped with red ring curbs, red and white sidewall canvas cordoned off the circus area with blue pennants at the juncture of each section of bleachers, a total of 75 flags. Along each of the outdoor riggings were bright multi-colored pennants and the band tent was white and bright yellow.

## SPECIAL

### THE VACANT LOT

BY KEN HODGE

When the circus rolls its canvas  
And disappears from sight,  
When the soft light of morning  
Pushes back the night;  
Gone is billowing canvas,  
Remaining there instead  
Is crushed and rumpled grassland  
by hoofs and pachyderm tread.  
Pungency of tanbark  
Spoor of spitting snarling cat  
Smell of fish where seal had barked,  
Peanuts sweet aroma where chattering monkey sat;  
Odors strangely blendid  
To rival perfume's scent,  
The only remaining vestage  
Of a happy day well spent.  
Where barker's rasping voice  
And beat of rhythmical drum  
Extolled the wonders within,  
Inviting all to come.  
Where Calliope screamed its mournful song

And crowds with approval roar,  
There is but the crowing of the cock,  
That and nothing more.

Where antics of the clumsy clown  
And aerialist's graceful flight  
Had boggled the imagination  
And challenged human might.  
A lonely piece of paper  
Was wafted like a kite  
And sailed across the vacant lot  
Then disappeared from sight.