

Circus notes: The crowd began coming at 8:30 a. m., when a farmer's truck, loaded with children, and dinner baskets, and with mother and dad seated on the high seat in front drove on to Commercial via South Fifth street. The family secured good "places," and then mother opened the lunch baskets and by 9 o'clock the fried chicken was more than half gone.

—Old fashioned lumber wagons and spring wagons brought loads to town: it was an ideal morning, and the children did not have to worry about rain. . . . The circus got in about 8 o'clock and the thrills began when the circus went up Commercial from the Burlington yards, where the circus unloaded. . . . Then one of the dwarfs strolled up Commercial, causing another thrill. . . . A woman with a tattooed arm shopped in one of the stores. She bought two pairs of bright red silk hose. Of course she was a circus woman! Also, she had a big wet spot of perspiration on her silk dress between her shoulder blades, and that meant circus woman. Every girl in the store wanted to wait on her. . . .

The circus men coming up from the Burlington yards were at once recognized: they carried their coats on their arms. The town men had all left their coats at home. Also, circus men carry handbags like those women carry. . . . It is always amusing to watch the babies in the circus crowd. They arrive early dressed within an inch of their lives and looking like angels. Their mothers are so proud of them. They are given candy and soon their faces are sticky and dirty. They are given balloons, which get away and they howl. . . . The parade is always set late—if it comes at all: the babies are shrieking, yelling, howling, and the proud mothers, hot, flustered, mad, glare at passers by and slap the babies. If the parade comes the screams of the babies can be heard above the calliope. . . . But take it all in all Job, who broke all records in patience, had nothing on the crowd that awaits the circus parade.

1925, Atchison, KS circus with Vic Anderson

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