

CHAPTER VI -The circus boys in dixie Land

In Chapter VI of "The Circus Boys In Dixie Land," titled "In the Hands of the Enemy," Teddy and Phil find themselves unexpectedly at the center of a surprise gathering organized by their old schoolmates and President Billy. Initially ready to fight, the Circus Boys realize they've been "kidnapped" for a friendly dinner in their old high school recitation room, filled with laughter, food, and familiar faces. Despite Teddy's belligerent attitude, the mood quickly shifts to one of celebration when the purpose of their unexpected detour is revealed—a dinner filled with cookies, sandwiches, pies, and a hint of mischievous fun arranged by their friends.

The dinner also features humorous exchanges and fond reminiscences of circus life, with Phil and Teddy momentarily taking the spotlight to share tales from the ring. Teddy's boastful claim of being able to ride anything, from a giraffe to a greased pig, draws laughter, and Phil shares insights into their circus career, advising against it for their schoolmate Walter, despite his curiosity about joining the circus.

The evening continues with food and entertainment, including an unexpected performance by Teddy, who amuses the attendees by walking on his hands across the dinner table, mischievously disrupting the setup. However, their fun is abruptly interrupted by a loud crash caused by the unexpected arrival of the circus band, which bursts into the room playing loudly, to the initial shock and then delight of everyone present. The boys' mixture of surprise, excitement, and a dash of chaos encapsulates the spirit of their circus lives, blending their past with their present in a heartwarming reunion.