

Mississippi Valley Morgan Horse News

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The Mississippi Valley Field Day, and Pendleton Farms Morgan Sale are now history. Approximately 250 people were present on May 28 for this big event. The morning was given over to lectures on wearing apparel, correct tack and harness, and fitting a horse for the show ring. Though Mrs. Jane Blue was unable to be on hand to handle the English viewpoint, Mr. L. E. McKenzie of Sandoval, Ill., a respected local horseman and a MVMHC member, did an excellent job as substitute. Mr. McKenzie has trained Saddle Horses and Standardbreds for many years; at present he is helping the W. E. McAllisters with their Morgans, one of which, the high-headed chestnut gelding, King Pendleton, served as a "prop" for his talks on harness, English tack, and fitting.

Pendleton's manager, Marlin Manning, stressed a neat, correct appearance when showing Morgans, saying that this is important in presenting Morgans at their best. In his talk on western wear, tack, and its use, he was ably assisted by young Larry and Sally De Jarnette.

There were Morgan people in attendance from as far away as Nebraska, over 1000 miles-Don Berlie of Chadron having consigned three head to the sale. In addition the McDonalds from Michigan, Staehnkes and friends from northern Illinois, Stuart Hazard and Cliff Stikes from Topeka, Kansas, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Van Wye and Mr. and Mrs. Neat Werts, all of Kansas City, traveled a good piece to be on hand. The McDonalds took home to Michigan a two year old stallion, Westcrest Ace, and a brood mare in foal, Scariett Mite. Other Morgans found new homes in Indiana and northern Illinois. Four Mississippi Valley members went home with horses. The last horse to be sold, a refined, pretty-headed little chestnut yearling filly called Pendleton Jane (by Astroflight out of Lotta Morgan) became the property of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Searls. Another yearling filly, a goodbodied chestnut called Pendleton De Etta (by Rosefield x Detta) was sold to the Bert Hammonds of Greenville, Ill. Floyd Niebruegge of Valmeyer, Ill. bought a chestnut two year old gelding, Westcrest Buck (Westcrest Sandy x Grace Note). The blocky, pretty little dark palomino filly consigned by Don Berlie went to Bill Dove of Sorento, Ill. This nice mare, White River Cindy, is by Topside Eager Beaver x Linda Schumacher.

The high-selling horse of the sale was the black mare, Twinkle M., with her chestnut stud colt by Sand Man. This mare placed second in the novice cutting at the National Morgan Jubilee last fall.

The Van Wyes from Kansas City had been in the Springfield area before coming down to the sale., where they enjoyed visiting many of the Morgan breeders and looking at their stock.

Lots of new foals to report this month. Rita Metich's Miss Holiday foaled a black filly by Shadow Hawk; this is a full sister to their pretty Heart's Desire. The Greenwalts have a filly out of Sentana by Windcrest Mr. Success. Roy Brunk has two foals - this will be the extent of his foal crop this year since most of his mares were sick last summer and lost their foals. Pendleton Farms has several foals on the ground, with the majority of them "boys". One which took my eye was a blocky chestnut stud by Astroflight out of Lucky Occasion. Echo's Dixie Dee and Image Girl both have colts by Sand Man, while Copper Cat has a colt by Astroflight and Cheyennesque an Astroflight filly. Gail Meyer's Duchess of Lebanon has a lovely black filly by Congo's Pride; Duchess will be bred to Mr. Breezy Cobra this year. Up at Kearney, Mo., Mr. Robbins has three fillies and a colt, all by Neal Colonel.

To be overwhelmed by foals, one has only to go out to Funquest Farm south of Topeka, Kansas, where Mr. Hazard has about 25 foals. Most of them are sired by The Brown Falcon and Funquest Falcon, and have the good heads of their sires. Lisa Lee has another filly, a black, by The Brown Falcon, a full sister to Funquest ladybird, and Funquest Leeza, both show ring winners. The Flyhawk mare which did so well in the show ring a few years back, Modelette, has a spanking new chestnut filly by The Brown Falcon, who is a son of Flyhawk. Saw some outstanding young stock up in the barn - one a dark chestnut yearling stallion with a beautiful head and eye, sired by Funquest Falcon out of Alfaizz. Also saw a bay yearling full brother to Funquest Barbacon that showed a good deal of promise. He's the last colt out of the great old brood mare, Linbar, and is sired by The Brown Falcon

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cently visited the Papes, Howards and Boardmans in the Springfield area. Louis Pape's barn was full of good Morgans, most of them there for training for the up-coming shows. Gail Meyer's little gelding, Prince Gay-Boy (Duke of Lebanon x Lilita) is going well both in harness and under saddle. Hi-Mist Cindy, the three year old bay mare of the Boardmans, is a classy- looking miss and doing beautifully in harness. The Boardman's Illinois Sabrina and one of Milton Ash's mares were there to be bred to Mr. Breezy Cobra. David Capelle's Duke of Lebanon is presently with Louis for some higher learning. The Capelles have leased Dot's Delight from the Boardmans and will breed her to The Brown Bomber

The McElhinneys recently had a nice trip into Ohio, where they picked up a yearling stallion from the John Tiltons at West Manchester. He's a chestnut, sired by Lippitt Ethan Ashbrook out of Princess Marcia, it is hoped he will be a worthy replacement for old Warhawk, sold last summer to the Tiltons. On the trip home, the McElhinneys visited the John Barbers at Noblesville and were taken on a Morgan tour of that vicinity, stopping to see Jack Marks, Paul Reiss and Dr. Steffen. They spent the night with the Osmons and, of course, saw their horses - Ernie enjoyed the chance to drive Big John. Another stop was made at Morris, Ill., where they visited the Yorks, owners of Birdie De Jarnette that they had raised. They saw lots of new country, became acquainted with many Morgan people, and enjoyed every minute of their trip. During their absence,