

News from the central Mid-West is rather scarce, what with holidays, bad weather, etc.

The November meeting on the 20th, held at the home of Judy Bivert, O'Fallon, Ill., was presided over by Ray Brachear, in the absence of the president, Neal Werts. About 15 were present. Friends of Ray Searls were happy to see him there, back on his feet and even doing some riding again. It was decided the club would publish a book let listing all the Morgans owned by MVMHC members. This would include name, age, sire and dam, color and height. Mr. Searls, Mrs. Pocklington, and Mr. and Mrs. Werts were appointed to a committee to work on this project.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl MacMichael's stallion Redberry was the winner of the Ill.- Mo. High Point Trophy in the Morgan Division. This trophy is, awarded to the Morgan accumulating the greatest number of points in 5 or more Morgan classes at Ill.-Mo. shows. Reserve went to Ozark Firefly, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Neal Werts. Cinnamon King, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Ray Searls, was Reserve Champion in the Parade Division. Cinnamon King had been right in the running for both trophies until Mr. Searls was stricken and had he been able to complete the show circuit, the outcome of both divisions might have been different.

Dr. McCarthy had as an overnight visitor prior to the American Royal at Kansas City, the well-known parade horse Society Man (and his owners, the J. W. Kirbys of Springboro, Ohio). They enjoyed a nice visit and were happy to find such good accommodations for their horse. Society Man has been champion at some of the biggest shows on the Southwest circuit, including Pin Oaks and Oklahoma. Incidentally, Doc's stable has somewhat of a Morgan air. Reigning supreme, of course is his stallion, Panfield's Thor, who has developed tremendously since last summer. He had that "Morgan look" and can really put on a show out in his corral. Doc's Palomino mare has a filly by Thor, liver chestnut with white markings, a real chunky foal, and definitely resembling her sire. The Neal Werts have their weanling stallions Indian War Chief and The Balladier stabled there. If you are in the vicinity, stop in Doc or Neal will be glad to show you the horses.

The Searls' must be planning on increased Morgan activity, for they recently purchased three new Morgans. The mare Jubilee's Pride, now a 7 year old, was owned previously by the Searls, having placed 2nd at the Ill. State Fair in fine harness as a three- year old. She is by Illawana Jerry out of Maybell. With her the Searls brought two of her colts, both sired by Cinnamon King. One is the two year old black stallion Ing Creator, the other the black yearling filly, Effie R. These horses were purchased from Mr. Harry Wisey, Clayton, Ill.

Junior Member Lisa Clemens has a three-quarter Morgan colt, foaled August 18. Named Red Hot, he weighed in at 85 lbs. His sire is the registered Morgan stallion Gallant Chief owned by Camp Don Bosco, Goldman, Mo., and his dam is Little Scamp, sired by a quarter-horse Arabian, and out of a registered Morgan mare.

More laurels for one of our club members along a different line Mr. Truman Pocklington was re-elected president of the West Central Black and White Club for the coming year. The Pocklingtons have a very fine herd of Hoisteins and do very well at the Black and White Shows. At last reports they had qualified again for the much prized Progressive

Breeders Award for 1960. This was to be awarded at the Annual Convention, but so far no report as to how they fared.

The December meeting was held at the Pocklington's, and a delicious covered dish buffet and a Christmas party were enjoyed by those present. Due to various reasons, quite a few members were unable to attend. Plans for the coming year were discussed.

Visiting in St. Louis over the holidays were the Wm. Byers of Albuquerque, New Mexico. Though impatient to get back to their delightful climate, they were busy looking at and talking horses, particularly Morgans, with their local friends. They have almost completed a new barn, complete with 12x12 box stalls, 10' wide center aisle and individual runs for each stall. Their daughter is taking jumping lessons, and is jumping one of the mares, Sundo. They hope eventually to have the coming three year old Windmere's Waltz Song trained as a hunter. The mare Jubilee's Pastime is in foal to Ray Brachear's Skyliner. We hope to have more news of their horse doings from time to time.