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The December Christmas Party meeting was held again this year in Shipman, Ill., at the lovely farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Truman Pocklington. We all enjoyed a delicious "turkey and trimmings" dinner and then settled down to the serious business of election of officers. The results of which are:

President, Mr. Charles Monfort

Vice-President, Dr. D. F. McCarthy, DVM

Secretary-Treas., Mrs. Charles Monfort

Historian, Mrs. Ray Searls

Publicity Sec'y., Margaret Wilhauk (Mrs. Royce, P., Jr.)

Our Directors are: Neal Werts, Fred Dzegolewski, Ray Searls and Truman Pocklington

Ambassadors: Mrs. Earl McMichael, Stuart Hazard, Roy Brunk, and Ernest McElhinney

We would like to express our appreciation and many thanks to our former officers for a job well done. We wish our new officers a successful year and pledge our support. They carry a lot of weight on their shoulders.

While we opened these Roy Brunk entertained us with some very interesting tales of Morgans of yesteryear. We could just picture his beaming face when as a very young boy he led the Grand Champion Mare Jubilee De Jarnette from the ring at the World's Fair. What a moment it must have been in his young life. We hope we can persuade him to tell us more at future meetings.

It was a beautiful frosty day and most of us managed to get outside to see the Pocklingtons chestnut stallion Indian War Chief go through his paces. He seemed to enjoy performing for the crowd, rolling over and doing other amusing tricks. As the saying goes, "He's not only beautiful but talented."

We were glad to see that the Pocklingtons' little filly, Maple Lane Fancy, is almost completely recovered from a gun shot wound just above her eye. I guess we'd better put red hats on our horses during the hunting season.

Mrs. Ann Wilhauk of Camp Don Bosco decorated a Christmas tree with carrots and apples for her horses, 50 in all, 21 of whom are by the powerful stallion Gallant Chief, whom they lost in October to a Staph. infection. I kidded her about the tree and then admitted I had decorated the front of Amber Sun's stall with silver rope and ornaments. Don't know if the horses enjoyed the festivity but we surely did.

Our stallion Amber Sun received a gaily wrapped package on Christmas eve. It was from Miss Chips, a pretty little black filly by Gallant Chief and out of a grade mare. It contained several ears of corn, a bunch of carrots and some lovely red apples.

Renee Page and her family are quite pleased with the new mare they purchased from the Lane Wiltons. Dellama (Cinnamon Lad and Madell). She is 18 years old and the mother of Fancy Dan, owned by Barbara Monfort.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. C. Byers of Albuquerque, New Mexico, former members of the MVMHC, spent the Christmas holidays in St. Louis. While here they visited the Neal Werts and Gerhardt families. The Werts accompanied them on a trip to the Pocklingtons and Indian War Chief; from there on to Searls but they were disappointed to find no one at home. Of course they enjoyed talking about and looking at all the Morgans. They accidentally bumped into some other club member at the Marcel Willhauks. They hadn't been introduced but in talking, discovered they had Morgan interest in common.

