

## Mississippi Valley News

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The central Mid-West has enjoyed a beautiful fall with crisp, cool nights, sun-drenched days, a countryside alive with shades of gold, red, orange, and purple a great time of year to be astride your favorite Morgan, or driving behind a swift-trotting colt.

A number of MVMHC members were present in Topeka, Kansas on October 2 for the Funquest Farm Production Sale. Several weanling fillies (by the Brown Falcon and Funquest Benmore) topped the one thousand dollar mark, as did the good brood mare Funquest Ebonette, a daughter of Flyhawk's Black Star and Liza Lee. The yearling stallion Funquest Hok, a full brother to Funquest Falcon, was sold to the well-known Nebraska breeder, Bob Tynan. Other Morgans went to Illinois, Kansas, Colorado, and California. MVMHC members present were the Bill Doves, Udell Ingles, the Gerhardts, Renee Page, Mrs. Greenwalt, Skeeter Mills, L. D. Robbins, Maurice Jacobs, and the Neal Werts. The Werts' sold a dark chestnut yearling son of Funquest Falcon and Princess Marie, Phantom Falcon, at the sale; he was purchased by Dr. George Budd of Pittsburg, Kansas. Several weeks later he resold him to Mr. and Mrs. Guy Warner of Minneapolis, Minnesota. This is a high-headed, sharp-looking colt and we know his new owners will like him. The Doves came away with a handsome chestnut son (weanling) of the Brown Falcon, out of Mitzi Bob, a Linsley Lee mare.

The Young Stock Sale at Big Bend Farms on the 6th of October drew a big crowd. Among those present was the new president of the Morgan Horse Club, Dr. Henry Boyd of California; also J. Cecil Ferguson, Broadwall Farm, Seth Holcombe, secretary of the Morgan Club, Lyman Orcutt of Orcland Farms and Anna Ela of Townshend Farm. Several MVMHC members attended the Brachears, Ernie McElhinney and Warren Holmbraker, and the Robert Boardmans; also Lewis Pape of Springfield, Ill. The Boardmans purchased a pretty bay two-year old filly from Vernon Albers of Baraboo, Wisconsin. She is Hi-Mist Cindy, by Moro Hill's Magician, out of Hylee's Bit O'Ginger. Well-broke to drive, she placed well in several classes at the National Morgan Jubilee, and Lewis Pape will take her for further training. The Boardman's daughter, Chris, will show her next year. Going home with her was a chestnut weanling stallion, Great Scott, by Chief Dart out of Dede Royal. Lewis Pape was the high bidder on him.

We welcome some new members, the Howard Stampe family of Shipman, Illinois. Their gelding Sir Galahad won the Roadster in Harness Class at the National Morgan Jubilee, turning in a splendid performance with Lewis Pape at the reins. Also joining the club is L.E. MacKenzie of Sandoval, Illinois. A well-known horseman in southern Illinois, he was one of our judges and commentators at the field day last spring. Welcome, Mr. MacKenzie; our club will be richer for your presence.

Recent visitors to the Kansas City area were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Michelson of Scottsdale, Arizona. They took in the great American Royal, and also visited some local Morgan people, in search of Morgan geldings and brood mares. They now own Sundo (Sun flower King x Dot Jekyll), a mare formerly owned by the Bill Byers, and four fillies out of her, three sired by Rex Linsley, and the other by Orciand Bold Victory, I believe.

Illinois' loss is Ohio's gain, as the up and-coming young show mare, Summer Tan, was sold by the L. S. Greenwalts to Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Shively of Portsmouth, Ohio. The Shivelys own two other Morgans - a son of Oreland Leader, Bro-Rock Vigil Leader, and a son of Nugget. A worthy addition to their stable, Summer Tan has an impressive show record, including ribbons from the Illinois State Fair, National Morgan Show, and National Morgan Jubilee. Mr. Shively will show her in 1966.

The Greenwalts also report the sale of the flashy chestnut yearling filly, Funquest Flame to Donald Forest of Plainville, Indiana. Returning to Highview Farm are the two brood mares, Sentana (Flyhawk & Sentola), in foal to Windcrest Mr. Success, and Fancy B., (Flyhawk & Frontier Gal) in foal to Squire Penn, I believe. She has been on lease to Dr. and Mrs. Albert Lucine of Malvern, Pa. for the past year or so.

Mr. A. E. Swartz of Independence, Mo. has gone out of the Morgan business, selling his remaining six head of horses to a Turner, Kansas, school teacher, Mrs. Lucy Gray. Mrs. Gray plans to keep the horses where Mr. Schwartz has been keeping them, and he will continue to care for them. The purchase includes the three good mares Cargill's Lady, Ruby Jubilee, and Belle Cotton, two yearling fillies by Major Cotton, and Ruby Jubilee's weanling stud colt by Major Cotton. Mrs. Gray also owns the two-year old dark chestnut stallion, Kedron Contreau, by Kedron Champagne out of Gamie's Swan Song, which she purchased last fall from Dr. Richter of Bolivar, Mo. He is presently getting his harness training at Hilltop Stables in Raytown, Mo.

The dam of Skeeter Mills' good Morgans, the 18 year old chestnut Missouri Lady, will go to the Paul Capelles of Highland, Ill. in the spring, on lease for a year to raise them a colt. This has always been Lady's prime business and she has done an excellent job, as can be seen by some of her off spring: Jubilee's Pastime, Teresa's Choice, Jubilee's Traveler, and so on.

Skeeter Mills has purchased Teresa's Choice from Randall Litton of Assaria, Kansas. Teresa was part of the family until sold as a four year old to Randall, and has always been a favorite of Skeeter's. She is well-broke to ride western, has led many parades carrying saddle club colors, and done an excellent job of promoting Morgans around Sauna, Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ryan have sold a yearling gelding, Pendleton Bruce, to Miss Jeanne Dunn of Tulsa, Oklahoma. A well-made young horse with a nice, easy way of going, he is sired by the cutting horse, Sand Man and out of Idlemore Nancy, a mare by Dyberry Billy. Miss Dunn plans to show him in versatility classes.

The Brachears had a very, very sick mare this fall. Despite shots to prevent the virus infection going around, their wonderful little brood mare Bright Star came down with an extremely sore throat. The administration of penicillin shots and some all night doctoring with salve and hot towels eased her breathing and she recovered rapidly. It was feared at first that the vet might have to put a tube in her windpipe. Naturally, she lost some weight, but since she is usually too rotund, the Brachears are trying to keep her figure streamlined. Needless to say, Bright Star is not too happy about her "diet"!

Before closing, let me wish all of you fellow "Morganities" a Happy New Year, and may 1966 be a year of progress for the Morgan breed.