

## Mississippi Valley News

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The September meeting of the club was held in the home of Miss Sue Lutz, Lebanon, Ill., and was a lively one. The most important business was the election of officers. Mr. Ray Searls, locally well known and highly respected horseman will head our organization as President., with Mr. Bill Byers as Vice-President. Mr. Lane Wilton will serve as Treasurer, Mrs. Sadie MacMichaels as Secretary, Miss Sue Lutz as Historian, and Mrs. Lorraine Byers as Publicity Secretary. Our Directors are Mr. Ray Brachear, Mr. F. K. Dzengolewski, Mr. Clarence Test, Mr. Truman Pocklington and Mr. Earl MacMichaels.

Probably the best part of any meeting is the trip to the host's barn. Obviously the pride of the Lutz family is the bright chestnut, flaxen mane and tail, yearling stallion, Chief Sunglow (Pride of King x Princess Toby). This colt and his young owner, who is just seventeen years old, have been one of our "Morgan" attractions at the local shows this summer. Sue is a very capable young horsewoman, and her ability is reflected in the manners and carriage of this flashy, well-grown yearling. He shows like a veteran, and Sue handles him with confidence and ease. She also owns the young bay mare Cin Dee that is in foal to the Duke of Lebanon, an event that can't possibly happen too soon for the proud owners. Present in the pasture were some nice young horses and a filly which have been sold (or are being sold) to make room for the registered stock.

A warm welcome was extended to our new Springfield, Ill, members, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth White and their attractive daughter Jeanne, who own the yearling colt Copper Cloud that did so very well at Springfield Fair. We were happy to greet Miss Judy Bivert and her aunt of Belleville Ill. Miss Bivert is just fourteen years old and a very enthusiastic Morgan owner. We hope to know more of her registered gelding later. Since we now have quite a number of young people interested in the activities of our club, it has been decided that a division for juniors aged eleven through fifteen will be formed under the supervision of our Mississippi Valley Club. Our club is anxious to encourage interest among young people and the additional responsibility will be welcomed by our adult members.

Members will be sad to hear that we are about to lose two very valuable people to the west. Neal and Pat Werts will be leaving shortly, and are leaving some good friends behind. Pat has very capably served as Publicity Secretary this past year and we will be looking forward to having them come back to visit as often as possible.

The Lane Wilton's little filly, having suffered injury at birth, is on the happy road to recovery. It was necessary to cast both front legs to above the knee during the first weeks of her life. The casts have been removed and bandages substituted, and when last seen was hopping about playfully, completely unmindful of bandages almost as big as she is. She will be named Duchess of Lebanon after her sire, The Duke of Lebanon. This is the Duke's first colt and she looks his exact miniature even to the color!

Recent sales include a colt by Senator Graham out of Flyette to Mr. Everett Hinkson of Holbrook, Arizona, by Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Greenwalt. Another sale was the bay filly Firebird by The Brown Falcon out of Gayneta to Mr. Stuart Hazard of Topeka, Kansas, by Neal and Pat Werts. This filly was second in the weanling filly class at the Springfield Fair this summer.

Our club is very proud of one of our stallions. He is a Parade Horse that has earned a special place in the interest of local horse show fans, and they look for him at every show. Recently a local horseman was heard to remark, "If that judge doesn't place him first, the crowd will have his scalp!" So great is his appeal to local audiences that the show committee requested him to parade as a special attraction to the O'Fallon Horse Show. His latest wins are the Hardin Saddle Club Show, the Granite City Rotary Show, and the Illinois-Missouri Horse Shows Assn. Annual Show. He is Mr. and Mrs. Ray Searls' Cinnamon King, and he leaves good will for Morgans wherever he appears.

A new Morgan stallion in this area is Bengée, a coal-black eight year old, sired by Illawana Ben out of Bonita Taffy. He was purchased from Mrs. Ross Griffith of Galesburg, Ill., by Mr. and Mrs. Russell Bliss of Ellisville, Mo. Mr. and Mrs. Bliss are very pleased with him, for within the first week of his arrival, they

booked two mares for him next season. The Bliss family have four registered stallions in their stable, a Palomino American Saddlebred, a Palomino Quarterhouse, an Appaloosa, and the black Morgan.