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No longer is the Morgan a rare and unusual member of the horse world around the Greater St. Louis area. The opening wedge into a predominantly Quarter Horse Walking Horse kingdom was driven at the Sacred Heart Show, Florissant, Mo. on June 7th. A Model Morgan Class was included by the show committee, and it was a huge success! It was obvious that unless it was well filled future ventures were doomed. The skeptics who said it couldn't be done ate their words on show day as twelve beautiful Morgans paraded into the ring many for the very first time. After much deliberation the judge lined the winners up as follows: 1st, Cinnamon King, an obvious crowd pleaser owned by Ray Searls; 2nd, Duke of Lebanon, an up and coming young stallion owned by F. K. Dzengolewski; 3rd, Dyberry Robin, all the way from New Jersey, owned by Elmer Scans; 4th, the flashy Prince De Jarnette, owned by Ray Searls and 5th, Fanny De- Jarnette, the only mare in the ribbons, also owned by Ray Searls.

Less than a month later, and over 70 miles from their first show, our Morgans again pranced into a local show ring and again, completely captivated the spectators! Many times they burst into spontaneous applause in appreciation of our Morgans' animation and flash. Every Morgan in the ring purely glistened from tip to toe and would have stood out in ANY company as a prime example of good horseflesh. Our class was divided this time two places each for Stallions and Mares and Geldings. Again the fancy moving Cinnamon King took the blue, with the snappy young Duke of Lebanon right on his heels for the red. First for Mares was Searls' chestnut Fanny De Jarnette, followed by another chestnut mare, the Byers' Jubilee's Pastime with Bill on the lead. An interested side light and the very best publicity in the world for the Morgan a pretty young blonde with her pretty blonde-trimmed colt in the ring showing the old hands how it should be done our Sue Lutz and her Sunglow!

Both of these shows have invited us back to show again next year, and both have created tremendous spectator interest. We have two more Model Classes coming for this year— August 9th at Arnold, Mo., and August 30th at Granite City, Ill. In addition, we will have a Morgan Pleasure Class, English or Western Tack, at Alton, Ill., on Sept. 12th, six prize monies ranging from \$50 down. We must make a showing that will top our impressive turn-outs at our past shows.

The Wm. Byers of St. Louis, on a recent trip to Kansas, happened across a typy 'little hard-working Morgan stallion. No strictly show animal this, Rex Linsley works 365 days a year for his owners, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Nelson on their 500 acre stockfarm. In their "spare time" the Nelsons and Rex take in a few local shows and rodeos. Despite his hard work, Rex prances from his stall looking every inch a Morgan. Bred by the Chilocco Indian School, he is sired by R. P. Linsley out of Nelda L. J. The Byers also visited with Mr. A. E. Swartz of Independence, Mo., who took them to see Independence Jubilee. Inasmuch as "Lee" is the sire of three of their mares, they were quite interested in him. They also got to see the dam of their Jubilee's Pastime, the little chestnut Missouri Lady. These Morgans belong to Mrs. James Walker of Kansas City, the club's newest member. Mr. Swartz has a nice chestnut filly by Top Flight out of Flashena, and also a dark chestnut filly out of this mare sired by Tahapchapi Rock. Mr. Swartz is starting his two year old stallion Jubilee Flash (General Cotton Jubilee's Pastime) on driving and he is responding in a gentlemanly manner. Two new arrivals at the Swartz' are a colt by Flagg Winn out of Cargill's Lady, and a colt by Top Flight out of Minute Maid. Both are bright chestnut.

Another new foal is a filly born July 25th, sired by Gallant Tex out of Princess Toby. Proud owner is F. K. Dzengolewski of Lebanon, Ill. His other '59 foal is also sired by Gallant Tex, a live-wire liver chestnut colt out of their parade mare Amberina. Mr. Dzengolewski has sold some Morgans recently. Miss Sue Lutz of Lebanon, owner of the mare Cin Dee, purchased the handsome yearling stallion, Chief Sunglow. He is a bright chestnut with a flaxen mane and tail sired by the late Pride of King out of Princess Toby. Mr. John Moore of Granite City, Ill., who did such a fine job of announcing at the Sacred Heart Show, purchased the two-year old colt Nifty Lad 11893 for his young daughter Janet. Another sale was the yearling stallion Durango to Mr. Linus Huck of Commerce, Mo., by Earl MacMichaels of Godfrey, Ill. With these good young horses being sold we should have some good showings in future years.

The club's July meeting was held at the home of the Clarence Tests of Centralia, Ill. We were happy to see our Iowa members, the Ernest McElhinneys of Morning Sun. There was quite a bit of discussion on the

subject of a club sponsored Morgan Show to be held next summer. Seems like a long way off, but shows take so much planning and work those of our members that were not there, think about it and let's hear your comments. Also under discussion was the kind of class, besides the Model Class, that we would like to have included in the next year's Ill.-Mo. Horse Shows. After hearing the pro's and con's it was decided that a Morgan Western Pleasure would be best, rather than an open Long Mane and Tail Western Pleasure as first thought.

Other topics were the announcement that copies of the Morgan Magazine have been placed in some of the larger St. Louis tack shops, and that the magazine has donated a year's subscription to the St. Louis County Library. It was confirmed that our Trail Ride will be in late September or early October. It was decided that we all get together for an informal meeting at the Illinois State Fair. Final decision will be made on a Morgan Field Day-Judging School at that time.

The Byers brought their mares over to the meeting in a snappy new palace of a horse trailer, and following the business meeting saddled up for a twelve mile ride with Mrs. Test. Josephine has a 3-year-old gelding who has had more than his share of sickness, but seems to be picking up now. A pretty-headed little fellow, his name is Illini Luck, by Luckmore out of Chintz by Senator Graham. She bought Lucky as a yearling, and although just an amateur, has developed him into a wonderful trail and pleasure horse. He is an excellent example of true Morgan disposition and willingness. Clarence Test has a very nice Theis mare, the dark chestnut Bonnie Mae, by Triumph. He has had her bred to Whippoorwill Duke this year and is looking forward to a good colt next spring.

As though the Brachear family doesn't have enough work readying their own horses for the Illinois State Fair, they have taken the yearling stallion Copper Cloud, which they sold last spring to Miss Jeanne White of Springfield, to show for her. An attractively marked colt with plenty of style, he's sired by Congo's Pride out of Mary R. M., who is also the dam of the Brachears' pretty mare Bright Star. They are also going to show Bright Star's high stepping little chestnut colt sired by Mr. Breezy Cobra, and owned by the Lewis Papes of Pawnee. Also in their hands to be shown is Firebird, the bay weanling filly owned by the Neal Werts. She is turning out to be a show horse like her sire, The Brown Falcon and has the good disposition of her dam, Gayneta.

Warren Holmbraker of Sperry, Iowa has sent his Warhawk mare with a little black filly by her side to Brachears to be bred to Chief Cobra. Chief is a candidate for honors in the 2-year-old Futurity Fine Harness Class at the fair.

Roy Brunk has two stud foals so far. One is out of Mau Dee, the full sister to Congo and the other is out of Nellane, another of Roy's good brood mares. Both are sired by Mango. Seems like Roy is letting everyone talk him out of his mares, but notice how he holds on to Nellane, Mau Dee, Donna Dee and old Black Dee, four of the best little brood mares in this part of the country. Marianne and David Naas have sent Barbardon down to be bred to Congo.

Some of our members got together very recently at the Earl MacMichaels in Godfrey, Ill., for an evening trail ride. Looks like a number of our members are fast becoming old hands at trail riding.