

## Mississippi Valley News April 1962

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"The year's at the Spring" but you would never guess it, as the weather here in the Mississippi Valley has been sixty degrees one day and two inches of snow the next. But weather or no weather you just can not keep Morgans down. About twenty-five members were present for the February meeting of the Mississippi Valley Morgan Horse Club at the home of Miss Lisa Clemens. President Neal Werts reported that the show committee had selected Professor D. J. Kays of the University of Connecticut to judge the coming MVMHC show in May. Professor Kays, an extremely proficient judge, having judged the 1959 National Morgan Horse Show is also author of, a superb book entitled, THE HORSE, and it is this writer's opinion that this book would take the blue ribbon in any class!

The MVMHC sends out a hearty welcome to new members, Mr. and Mrs. Marcel Willhauk of St. Louis, Missouri. Although the Willhauks have no Morgans at present, their daughter Drew will be showing the flashy young stallion Amber Sun (Gallant Tex x Amberina) for her cousin. Royce Willhauk, Jr., Drew is an extremely capable young equestrienne having many trophies to her credit in equitation

Just received a note from J. Roy Brunk of Rochester, Illinois. stating that he has sold the nice two year old stallion, Senator Cobra, by Mr. Breezy Cobra and out of Jo Jean, to Mr. Ricky Irwin of Springfield, Illinois. I am sure Mr. Irwin will be pleased with this nice young individual. Mr. Brunk also writes that he will be judging the Rocky Mountain Morgan Horse Club Horse Show at Salt Lake City, Utah this July. Mr. Brunk, a very capable judge is the owner of the grand old stallion, **Congo**.

"Spring is just around the corner" and we were reminded of this fact by the arrival of three foals last month, one Morgan and two Half.-Morgans, all fillies. The first to arrive was a nice little red chestnut half-Morgan filly by Gallant Chief (Tritoni x Vicki Lynn), on February 16th at Camp Don Bosco in Beverly, Missouri. She is called Star White due to the fact that she is marked with a large white star in her face.

Dr. D. E. McCarthy's pretty bay mare Roselyne (Senator Graham x Moon- flower) produced a darling little chestnut filly by Panfield's Thor (Sir Wrangler x Flying Dutchman) for Doc on February 20th. But tragedy struck the McCarthy Stable on February 26th when Doc lost his faithful Palomino mare, Gilda, while foaling a lovely Palomino filly for him by Panfield's Thor. Although Gilda was not a Morgan, she was a nice mare with whom Doc spent many enjoyable hours, and I am sure there will always be a warm spot in Doctor McCarthy's heart for her!

Since we are well into 1962, the MVMHC has gone to work on the New Directory for this year. President Neal Werts appointed Mr. Ray Searls chairman of the committee with the Truman Pocklingtons and Floyd Niebruegge making up the rest of the committee. The price of the Directories will be the same as last year's each member of the MVMHC will receive one directory free, while additional ones may be purchased for fifty cents.

Non-members may also purchase Directories for the sum of fifty cents.