

Mississippi Valley News

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Spring has finally arrived in the mid-west. Everyone is busy working horses, handling sales, and talking foals, shows, and trail rides.

Secretary Lorraine Byers and Pubi. Secretary Pat Werts recently took an afternoon drive, stopping at the Mac Michaels in Godfrey, where we enjoyed seeing the well-fed MacMichael horses and chatting with Earl Mac Michael. They recently added a new Morgan owner to the list, with the sale of the chestnut yearling stallion, Suncrest Boy to Charles M. Schwaab, of Alton, Ill. Suncrest Boy is by Redberry out of Tillicum by Lippitt Sam. Mr. Schwaab had been looking at other breeds, including the Arabian, but finally settled on the Morgan colt.

From the MacMichaels we went to the Truman Pocklington farm in Shipman, Ill. These folks have two very choice young horses. Both are sired by Roy Brunk's Mango and they are out of two of Roy's best mares. Both are bay, with lots of Morgan type. The 3 year old stallion Donodon is out of Donna Dee. He has placed well in the Illinois Futurity, having been 1st as a weanling, 4th as a yearling, and 6th in the 2 year old fine harness class last year. The little mare, Del Emma, is out of Nellanne. Mr. and Mrs. Pocklington are riding them and are quite pleased with them. They hope to take in a show or two this year.

The end of the afternoon found us at Mr. and Mrs. Ray Searls, where we watched Mr. Searls put Prince de Jarnette through his paces. Prince will be a great asset showing in pleasure classes, although he also has action enough to be a parade horse. All of the Searls horses looked well, especially the parade stallion Cinnamon King. The Searls recently purchased the nice chestnut yearling filly Misty Lynn, by Linsley Lee out of Kamiah, from Mr. and Mrs. Neal Werts.

Among other recent sales, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Brachear of Waggoner, Ill., sold Debra Dee, a coming 3 year old black mare by Congo out of Cynthia, to Mr. Harold C. Adams of Townsend, Mass. The mare was shipped by rail, and due to snowstorms the middle of March, she traveled for 6 days; yet Mr. Adams wrote that she arrive in excellent shape. Debra will be a pleasure mount, replacing an old Morgan mare that passed away. The Brachears also sold the very attractive yearling stallion, Copper Cloud to Miss Jeanne White of Springfield. This is her first horse and we know she will be pleased with him. He's a dark chestnut with three stockings, sired by Congo's Pride out of Mary R. M. Rock Hudson, their four year old bay stallion, is reported to be looking and feeling good. They also own a candidate for the two year old Futurity fine harness class, this being Chief Cobra, a high stepping chestnut colt by Mr. Breezy Cobra.

The April meeting of the Mississippi Valley Morgan Horse Club was held in conjunction with a cookout and trail ride get-together at the home of the Dzengolewski's. The weather, though cloudy, was warm and about 22 were present. Those members who were able to reach the Dzengolewski's before noon had a short ride in the morning. They included Sue Lutz on Mr. Dzengolewski's good looking, typy young stallion, Duke of Lebanon; our president, Don Dzengolewski on Gallant Tex; Gene Parr of Scott AFB on a third Dzengolewski stallion, the very nice chestnut Rusty Ray; a new member, Lt. Molly Smith of Scott AFB on the bay mare Vicki Lynn. Vicki Lynn was sold that day to Ray Searls. She is an excellent broodmare, sired by Cinnamon Lad out of Illawana Bess. Another new member from Scott AFB, Lt. Lillian White was mounted on her part Arab gelding. The Lane Wilton family had four horses Mr. Wilton rode Dellama, Mrs. Wilton and son Lane Harry rode the half Morgan mares Pal and Bonnie, and daughter Nancy gave her spotted pony Poncho a good workout. Ray Searls brought his chestnut stallion Prince de Jarnette. By noontime there was a good fire going in the field, where everyone could roast hot dogs, with a hay wagon for a table, and a couple of improvised benches. Mrs. Dzengolewski furnished some delicious side dishes, including potato salad, baked beans and deviled eggs, so no one went hungry.

The meeting was quite short. Again the importance of making a good showing in the Model Morgan Class at the Sacred Heart Show in Florissant, Mo., on June 7 was stressed. Director Clarence Test revealed that there would be four Morgan classes, in hand, at the Marion County Fair, Salem, Ill., August 3-8. Classes scheduled are:

stallions and geldings, mares, mare and foal, and 1959 foals. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Byers reported on their attendance at a meeting of the Illinois- Missouri Saddle Club, at which time the MVMHC became a

member of the Ill.-Mo. Club. Most of the local shows are Ill.-Mo. Club point shows, and trophies are given by the parent club at the end of the season for high point horses in each division. It is hoped that enough Morgan classes can be held next year for the Morgans to be eligible for a trophy. Lane Wilton, Neal Werts, and Bill Byers were chosen to act as delegates to the monthly meetings of the Ill.-Mo. Club.

Lane Wilton has consented to do the announcing for the Morgan class at the Sacred Heart Show. We want to be sure to give the Morgan a big boost at this show and Mr. Wilton's announcing should be a big asset.

It was voted to place a small club ad in the classified section of the Sunday St. Louis Post-Dispatch for one Sunday in May and one in June.

The next meeting will be held at the Wilton's, East St. Louis, Ill., on Sunday evening, May 24, at 7:00 P.M. The business over, most of the members who had brought horses saddled up for another short ride. Among those on horseback (in addition to those who rode in the morning) were Sue Lutz on her very nice four year old bay mare Gin Dee, by Pride of King out of Princess Toby; also the Wm. Byers who had finally arrived with their two chestnut mares, Sundo and Jubilee's Pastime. We missed Mrs. Searls who was unable to attend, and also the Earl MacMichaels. The youngest club member seemed to enjoy the proceedings, this being 5 1/2 months old Marcia Werts.

A number of foals have been reported already. Tragedy struck when the Lane Wiltons lost their three-quarter Morgan colt by Neptune out of Pal. The colt rolled under a fence and became hung up while trying to get back. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Searls were lucky that they happened to be there a few minutes after the gray mare Frosty Princess foaled a little chestnut filly by Prince de Jarnette, for the mare was unable to get up and the filly might have smothered. F. K. Dzengolewski has a chestnut stud by Gallant Tex out of Amberina. This colt is good-sized and should have lots of action. Mr. and Mrs. Neal Werts young mare Gayneta presented them with a fine, little bay filly sired by the Brown Falcon. She can move like him already.

Our new members, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Greenwalt of Pawnee, Ill., report three foals. The top brood mare Jubilee Joy presented them with a chestnut filly marked with a large star, short stripe and left front sock sired by Senator Graham. "Joybells" colts always top their class at the Ill. State Fair, so the rest of us with fillies have a hard road ahead. The little black mare, Fancy Be, that did so well in saddle and harness classes both at the Ill. State Fair and the National, has a fine, little, high stepping black filly by Top Flight. Another Flyhawk mare, Flyette, has a big black stud colt with a large star, half strip and large snip. This foal is a full brother to The Explorer, now owned by the University of Connecticut.

The Greenwalts recently had as visitors Mr. and Mrs. J. Cecil Ferguson of Greene, R. I. They had sold the two year old bay stallion Broadwall Brigadier to Mrs. H. Nichoalds of Denver, Cob, and delivered him by trailer as far as Springfield. From here he was shipped by rail, along with the chestnut mare Bambi Moon, which Mrs. Nichoalds purchased from the Greenwalts. Bambi is ready to show, both under saddle and in harness, and has the highest, lightest action imaginable. She is sired by L. U. Colonel and out of Quanta by Senator Graham.

From Topeka, Kansas Mr. Stuart Hazard writes that he has purchased Upwey King Benn and that Benn is now standing at stud at Topeka. He is well known as the sire of such famous show horses as Upwey Ben Don, Upwey Casablanca, and Upwey Benn Quietude, as well as the roadster mare, Upwey Ebony Princess. Benn is a dark bay, sired by Upwey King Peavine out of Audrey by Bennington. It will be very interesting to see his foals from mares of western and mid western breeding.