

Mississippi Valley News

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MVMHC members seem to have been blessed with fillies this year; so far there have been eleven fillies and one stud colt in the club. The Kenneth Whites report a pretty chestnut filly by Jeanne's perky stallion, Copper Cloud (Congo's Pride x Mary RM) and out of their nice mare Gay of Glad Acres (Townsend Gaymeade x Russet)

I hear via the grapevine that Jenny Lake (Senator Graham x Monty) presented Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Greenwalt with a petite little black filly marked with one white front pastern by Shadow Hawk. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Brachear also have a back filly by Shadow Hawk out of their pretty Miss Holiday (Tango x Mary RM).

Neal and Pat Werts are more than pleased with their second foal of the year. A very dainty, high going little dark chestnut filly marked with a star by Mr. Breezy Cobra (The Airacobra x Jenny Lake) and out of their favorite mare, Gayneta (Townsend Gay meade x Moneta).

From Mr. A. E. Swartz of Independence, Missouri comes the news of four new arrivals. A very pretty chestnut filly with a light mane and tail from Flashena by Major Cotton. Cargill's Lasy and Minute Maid also have chestnut fillies with light manes and tails, while Ruby Jubilee came up with a perky little stud. Jojo (Plains King x Birdseye) presented Mrs. Earl MacMichaels with a lively bay filly by Durango (Cinnamon King x Bonnie Flash). And from what I hear this filly has terrific hind quarters.

A report from Camp Don Bosco tells us of a pretty chestnut filly by Gallant Chief and out of Scampy, one of the camp's grade mares. Let's hope that this filly luck keeps its present pace!

The April meeting of the MVMHC was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Monfort and daughter, Barbara of Kirkwood, Missouri. About twenty members were on hand to discuss the final plans for our coming show. Entries have been sent out and we urge all to get them in as soon as possible. After the meeting several members stopped at Neal and Pat Werts' home where their two lovely fillies were the center of attraction. There they also saw Ozard Firefly (Flyhawk x Kamiah) who is due for a foal soon by Lucky Stone (Colonel's Boy x Lenora Felix).

The first two shows of the season, although rather early this spring were very successful in that the Morgan classes were well filled. At the Palmer's show in St. Louis, Missouri, April 14th, despite the terrible weather (rain and more rain), five nice Morgans were on hand to carry on. The ribbons were pinned as follows: 1st, Amber Sun, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Royce Willhauk, Jr., and shown by Miss Drew Willhauk; 2nd, Gallant Chief, owned by Camp Don Bosco and shown by Lisa Clemens; 3rd, Duke of Lebanon, owned by F. K. Dzegolewski, and shown by Linda Foley; 4th, Pleasant Lady ridden by Bill Bartly and owned by Dr. D. F. McCarthy, with 5th to Queen Of Hearts, a new Morgan in this area, owned by the Capellas.

At the St. Joseph's Academy Horse Show, April 25th and 28th, our Morgans were well represented with eight contestants competing in the Three Gaited Class and five in the Fine Harness Class. The three gaited class enticed eight aspirants to glory. The Duke of Lebanon, shown by Miss Linda Foley for Mr. F. K. Dzegolewski topped the class, tying over Amber Sun owned by Mr. and Mrs. Royce Willhauk, Jr. In third position, was Barbara Monfort's pretty bay, Fancy Dan, followed by Pleasant Lady, entry of Dr. D. F. McCarthy, with fifth place to Gallant Chief and Lisa Clemens for Camp Don Bosco.

The fine harness class was well received with five stylish Morgans competing for the blue. Dr. McCarthy's Pleasant Lady surprised all by taking the class with Bill Bartley at the lines, topping Wanona Princes, entry of Ray Searls'. Illawana Jean Ann, owned by Dr. McCarthy certainly proved that Morgans have natural action, when she took third. As a last minute substitute, this fourteen year old black mare had to be shown without shoes, but shoes or no shoes she had the action so typical of the Morgan. Lisa Clemens drove Gallant Chief to fourth position, with Amber Sun fifth. It is noted that the two Morgan classes were the largest performance classes, with one exception, at this show, the Walk-Trot Classes. The result of such a good turnout is that a Morgan Three Gaited Class was included in the Visitation Academy Show on May 9th.

On Saturday night, the parade horse class provided a lively interlude to the routine of the final session of the above show, when Mr. Ray Searls rode his colorfully bedecked, Cinnamon King to the blue, giving the spectators a chance to view some of that versatility for which the Morgan is so famous. From the moment this

high-stepping bay stallion entered the show ring until all horses were judged, there was no doubt about the winner, for his outstanding performance outshined all, even the Saddle horses. When King strutted out to receive his reward for a job well done, the crowd roared; another Morgan had received the praise he so richly deserved. "Like father, like son," was the statement when De Jarnette's King paraded out to receive a third place. This proud four year old son of Cinnamon King is the image of his great sire and I am sure we'll be hearing more and more from this youngster at the coming shows.

Much activity has been going on in the MVMHC this past month. Mrs. John Gerhardt recently sold her pretty mare Kamiah (Senator Graham x Lucienne) to Big Bend Morgan Horse Farm in Winnebago, Illinois. We know that Kamiah is in good hands now and will give the Bartons many fine colts.

Lisa Clemens and Larry Ann Moran spent the early part of their Easter vacation visiting with Mrs. Earl MacMichaels and son, Bill of Reeseville, Wisconsin, where they saw some quite impressive Morgans. Lisa and Annie were quite thrilled when asked to ride Redberry (Agazziz x Rozel) Mrs. MacMichael's senior herd sire. Both report that even though he had no shoes, he had action so true of the Morgan. Redberry possesses a remarkable disposition and all other traits typical of the Morgan in that he is quite versatile, even to the point of pulling a stone boat. Lisa also rode Billy's pride and joy, Durango (Cinnamon King x Bonnie Flash) and reports that he is the image of his sire. Of, course Jo Jo's little bay filly by Durango was the center of attraction; Lisa and Annie report that she's just a doll! On their return trip home, Annie and Lisa stopped at Springfield to visit with the L. S. Greenwalts. Here they admired the extra special Lucky Stone (Colonel's Boy x Lenora Felix) and King's Haven Senator, Greenwalt's very nice two year old bay stallion by Senator Graham; Lisa says he's really a sight to see!

Dr. D. F. McCarthy recently purchased two mares for his sister, Mrs. William Rabbett, in Minnesota. Both are chestnut and I am told that Sun Rose Beauty, a seven year old is quite a stock horse, while Bonnie Allen, a three year old has had no training.

The John Gerhardt's and daughter Renee Page recently spent an enjoyable visit with Mr. A. E. Swartz of Independence, Missouri, where Renee and her mother purchased June Flight, a pretty three year old red chestnut mare marked with a stripe and light mane by the good Top Flight (Flyhawk x Sentola) and out of Flashena (Senator Graham x Lustre). June will have a foal soon by Mr. Swartz's versatile Major Cotton (Cotton Hill's Choice x Missouri's Jubilee Queen). Renee plans to show her in three gaited classes and breed classes next year. Mr. Swartz also has some extremely nice colts by Major Cotton, all very uniform in conformation and color.

The MVMHC welcomes three new members this month. Otis Brown, one of St. Louis' prominent jumping horse trainers, has quite a few Morgans stabled at his Otis Brown Stables in Clayton, Missouri, among them being Gallant Chief and Queen of Hearts. The MVMHC is proud to have Mr. Brown as a new member. Mr. and Mrs. Capella, owners of Queen of Hearts, have moved to St. Louis, just recently from Chicago. We send out a welcome also to Miss Linda Foley of O'Fallon, Illinois. Linda will have the pleasure of showing Mr. F. K. Dzengolewski's beautiful Duke of Lebanon this summer. Linda, a very capable rider, has shown in many shows including some in New York. She gave Duke an excellent ride, taking the blue at The St. Joseph's Academy Horse Show, mentioned earlier.

Our Morgans are becoming more and more popular. This is evident as Drew Willhauk has persuaded Mrs. Fern Bittner, Secretary of the Missouri Horse Shows Association, to include a Morgan classification in the association this year. We thank Drew for a job well done!



FANCY DAN (Congo x Dellama) owned by Miss Barbara Monfort, Kirkwood, Mo.



DUKE OF LEBANON, winner of Saddle Class at St. Josephs Academy Horse Show, owned by F. K. Dzenkowski, of Lebanon, Ill., with Miss Barbara Monfort up.