

Mississippi Valley News

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The MVMHC March meeting was held at the Jerseyville, Ill. Recreation Hall. Ray Brachear reported that plans for the Field Day to be held Saturday, June 5 at Pendleton Farms were coming along well. We have an interesting day planned so hope you can all be with us.

In connection with the request from the Committee for liaison between the National Club and the Local Clubs, several topics were discussed. It was felt that the National Club could help local clubs in their efforts by sponsoring Judging Clinics at various locations across the country, these clinics to be primarily for the benefit of judges; however, the public could be invited to attend also. It was agreed that one of the biggest problems in showing Morgans, both in Morgan classes and open classes, is the judges' lack of knowledge of Morgans and the way they are to be shown. It was also felt that the parent club could work out a program to be used as a guide in setting up Field Days this could be amended by the local clubs as necessary.

Following the meeting, two films were shown, one of the 1960 National Morgan Show, and the other, Warren Patriquin's film of some of the New England breeding farms. These were greatly enjoyed by a large group of members and friends.

We have several new members Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ryan of Delavan, Ill.; Miss Maritu Morse of Laduc, Mo., owner of the yearling stallion, Wales Farm Simon; and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Matich, owners of the good mares Miss Holliday, Fancy Aire, and Heart's De sire.

Ed and Doris Ryan are well known to most Morgan people in the Mid west. They have trained and shown some top Morgans both here and at the National Morgan Show. Their brood mares are among the best, as is evidenced by their winning offspring. Three of these mares are by Barberry, a son of Night Tide and Betty Barr. Elain Bar and Ella Bar are both out of the great old mare Elberty Linsley, dam of Modelette, a top show mare a couple of years ago. Dorthea Bar is out of Dorothy D.H. The other two brood mares are Rachel Lee (Allen Lee x Racher), dam of the up and coming flashy two year old stallion Irish Lee by Senator Graham and Patty Pratt, a lovely headed Flyhawk mare out of Rhosen. Her coming two year old filly, Irish Velvet by Mr. Breezy Cobra is one to make you sit up and take notice she'll be a hard one to beat. The star of the stable is the four year old bay mare Irish Breeze (by Mr. Breezy Cobra out of Ella Bar), a winner since her weanling days. She is a typy little mare with a tremendous way of going, a combination which won for her the Three-Year-Old Harness and Junior Champion Harness Classes at the 1964 National, in addition to her wins in the Three-Year-Old Filly Class and the title of Junior Champion Mare. Another impressive young horse is the brown three-year old gelding Irish Lane, by Shadow Hawk and also out of Ella Bar. He has a great way of going and should continue his winning ways this year under saddle. His record at the Illinois State Fair in the Futurity Classes speaks for itself Ch. Weanling, Ch. Yearling, and last year Ch. Two-Year Old shown in fine harness.

Three foals have been reported, all stallions. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Capelle have a dark brown colt by Congo's Pride out of Queen of Hearts "0", foaled on March 13. The Floyd Niebruegges have a sharp-looking little fellow foaled March 12, sired by their Mitchie Prince out of Melodee Maid. The third foal is a chestnut marked attractively with white, sired by Senator Graham out of Elain Bar and owned by the Ryans. But Fred Dzegolewski has a nice bay filly, sired by The Duke of Lebanon out of Lilita. Several mares are overdue perhaps they are waiting for warmer weather!

A Morgan stallion doing a good deal to publicize the breed outside of the show ring is Mitchie Prince, a four-year old owned by the Niebruegge family of Valmeyer, Ill. He is a typical family horse, bred, raised and trained by amateur horsemen. His pleasant disposition, quiet manners, and good looks are winning friends for the Morgan among people primarily interested in a horse that can be used by the whole family in just about any capacity desired. He is a familiar sight at local saddle club events, trail rides, and 4-H events. Last summer he was ridden on the Cross Country Trail Ride in the Missouri Ozarks, the only Morgan stallion on the ride. Many people there had never seen a Morgan and Prince was much admired. He has sired a number of half-Morgan foals which show Morgan type and ability.

Art Titus is getting quite a group of Morgans in his training stable at Batavia, Ill., including several of Mr. Hazard's horses. He has Funquest Falcon going in top form, and this will be the pair to watch out for this year.

He is also working the junior stallion, Funquest Benmore, a son of Upwey King Benn and Linda. Art recently started work on two two-year olds Barbacon, a dark chestnut stallion that is a good fine harness prospect, and a pretty chestnut mare, both I believe sired by The Brown Falcon.

Mrs. Greenwalt reports that they recently bought Sentana from the University of Connecticut. This 20 year old chestnut mare is a full sister to their grand old matron, Jubilee Joy, being by Flyhawk out of Sentola. Sentana was bred by the Greenwalts, so she will be coming back home, so to speak.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Capelle of Highland, Ill., have purchased the bay stallion The Duke of Lebanon from F. K. Dzegolewski. They plan to have him gelded and he will be shown through out this area by their oldest son, 14 year old David. Duke is well-known in the St. Louis area, having been shown a number of times in hand, under saddle and in fine harness, and he usually places at or near the top. Besides being a beautiful, showy individual, his good manners and disposition make him a favorite with the crowd. We wish David lots of success this season and feel this pair should be some good competition in the Morgan classes. Another new addition at the Capelle stable is the five-year bay gelding, Maple Lane Prince, by Donodon out of Del Emma, purchased by Mike Capelle, David's 11 year old brother. Mike will be showing this nice gelding in pleasure classes and should do well with him. Prince was bred and raised by Truman and Allene Pocklington of Shipman, Ill. Since there will be no MVMHC Morgan Show this year, we wondered what would be done with the C. J. O'Neill Challenge Trophy, donated to the MVMHC Morgan Show by the O'Neill girls in 1961. It is awarded to the Grand Champion Stallion at the show each year and must be won three times for permanent possession. However, Norine Osman writes that it will be permanently retired by Funquest Falcon, who has won it twice in the four years it was offered. The donors felt that Mr. O'Neill would have been happy to see it go to such an excellent Morgan individual.

A most unhappy bit of news W. McAllister of Centralia, Ill, has suffered a severe heart attack and will be at least six months recuperating. The MVMHC expresses its sympathy to the McAllister family. Mr. McAllister is a valued member of the club and we will miss him at our meetings and activities.

Mary Gerhard's lovely yearling filly, Falcon's Ladylove, has suffered a large, deep v-shaped cut on her hindquarters. The vet has sutured it and they are hoping for the best. They have no idea how it happened the filly was turned out in a small pasture at the time. She has had her share of trouble last fall she had a bout with sleeping sickness and was lucky to recover from it completely.

The William Byers of Albuquerque have leased the bay mare Ozark Firefly from Neal and Pat Werts. They plan to ready her for the roadster classes in their section of the country. She should have the speed needed, being by Flyhawk, a sire of many good road horses, including Gallant King and out of Kamiah, a daughter of Senator Graham with an excellent trot. They also plan to raise a foal from her by their well-known Rex Linsley. Neal and I will be moving shortly to the Kansas City, Mo. area, regretfully leaving behind our Morgan friends around St. Louis. Neal has been visiting some of the people around Independence. I hope to have news of their Morgans for the next issue. The Morgan people are wonderful we have had many offers of help in moving our horses, offers to keep them for us until we get settled. Our heartfelt thanks to all of you.