

Mississippi Valley

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Morgan News

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The January thaw has given way to Old Man Winter and we again have snow and bitter cold in the central Mid-West. Despite the cold, damp weather, 25 people were at the January meeting at the Werts' house in St. Louis. Enthusiasm was high, and plans were discussed for the coming year. The club decided to hold its Second Annual Morgan Show. More

-concrete plans will be laid at our next meeting as to location, number of

-classes, date, etc.

Two trail rides are being planned for 1961. The first will be held the first Sunday in May, starting from the home of the Floyd Niebruegge's in Valmeyer, Ill. A fall trail ride is tentatively scheduled for the first Sunday in October. This one will be held at Pere Marquette State Park north of Alton, Ill., and will be under the direction of Mr. Searis.

The club will endeavor to get the Morgan before the public more this year by participating in parades when ever possible. One or two high-step ping Morgans should make a hit with viewers. It was decided that the club needed a flag to carry on these occasions and Mrs. Fred Dzengolewski was appointed chairman of a flag committee. Purple and gold were chosen as colors.

We had several new members in attendance — Mr. and Mrs. Royce Wilhauk of Camp Don Bosco, Goldman, Mo. and Mi'. Royce Wilhauk of St. Louis. Camp Don Bosco has the bay Morgan stallion, Gallant Chief. Mr. and Mrs. Wilhauk have a number of half-Morgans sired by this horse and say they all resemble their sire.

Also on hand was Mr. John McGill of Manchester, Mo. The McGill family is primarily interested in trail riding and is in the market for a good Morgan to use in that capacity.

The Glen Willson family of Houston, Mo., owns five horses, primarily Quarter horse breeding, but are interested in Morgans and on the look out for a suitable Morgan stallion. We are happy to have these folks in our club and hope they can come to more of our activities.

Due to the fact the job of Publicity Secretary has become more than one person can handle, an additional Publicity Secretary was elected, Miss Renee Page, to help Pat Werts

Following our business meeting, movies were shown of some of the 1960 activities and horse shows.

Recent visitors at the Neal Werts' were Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Test and children from Centralia, Ill., who spent an evening talking Morgan and Morgan activity.

The coming yearling stallion owned by the Ernest McElhinney's had to be put to sleep, after a short year of trouble and bad luck. First he was nursed through a broken leg; then he had to have a throat operation to remove bits of, hay from his throat. A recurrence of this second trouble made it impossible to keep him.

The oldest McElhinney boy is in the Army serving in Germany, where he is Inspector of Vehicles and Trailers for the 3rd Inf. Div.

Another son, Richard, is in France for two years.

Neal and Pat Werts recently sold the coming yearling stallion, The Balladier, to 13 year old Miss Ann Gerow of St. Louis. This colt has good conformation, a good disposition and is a bright chestnut with flaxen mane and tail. Ann plans to do most of the training herself. We wish her luck and hope she will like Morgans as well as the rest of us do.

The Werts family recently took a Sunday drive to Waggoner, Ill., to visit the Brachear family, where they spent the afternoon "talkin' Morgans" and looking over the Brachear stock. Particularly impressive is their little coming yearling filly Maribelle. A dark chestnut, she is all Morgan from her tiny ears to her fluffy tail, and the Brachears have had a number of offers for her, to which the answer is always no. She is sired by Chief Cobra (by Mr. Breezy Cobra) and out of Bright Star by Congo. All of the horses looked fat; the black Miss Holiday is in foal to Mr. Breezy Cobra, her first foal, and anxiously waited.

Dropping by Mr. and Mrs. Searls on the way home they had a look at the Searl's horses in the barn. The coming yearling fillies, Rhythmette and Sadie Hawkins, were fat and growing. They saw two of the new Searl's horses, King Creator, coming three-year old black stallion and Effie R., coming two-year old mare, both by Cinnamon King out of Jubilee's Pride. Both are nice individuals with exceptionally good backs and good heads. King Creator and the coming three year old bay stallion Dejarnette's King are for sale and will make good saddle horses for someone looking for an under 15 hand horse. They will have some snap to their way of going, inherited from their parade horse sire, Cinnamon King. The Searls expect their first 1961 foal about the end of March, from Fanny de Jarnette by Cinnamon King.

This club is compiling a directory of members and pertinent facts about their Morgans name, age, ht., wt., sire and dam. This will be available shortly, not only to members but to any interested persons, for a small fee.