

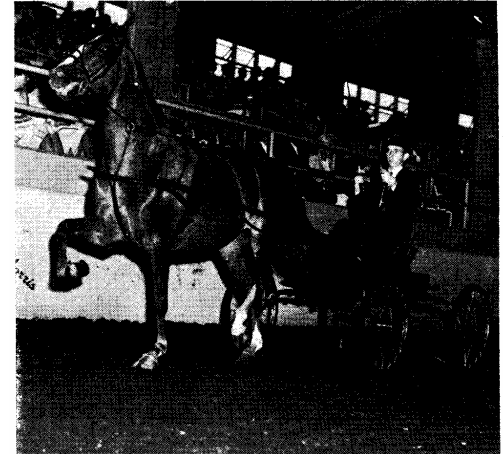
# Mississippi Valley News

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**PLEASANT LADY 011199 (Middlebury Ace x Illawana lean Ann). Missouri Slate Champion Morgan in both Fine Harness and Sad. die Divisions. She is owned and shown by Bill Bartley of Florissant.**



The Mississippi Valley Morgan Horse Club held its December meeting and Christmas Party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Truman Pocklington in Shipman, Illinois on December 19. About thirty members were on hand for the festivities which included a Pot Luck style dinner and an exchange of gifts between members.

The biggest event of this meeting was the election of officers for the New Year. I might add that our new President, Glen Bartley was nominated from the floor at this meeting and after much coaxing consented to the nomination. Following is the roster of newly elected officers for 1964:

President: Glen Bartley, Florissant, Missouri

Vice President: Paul Capelle, High land, Illinois

Secretary-Treasurer: Mrs. Neal Werts, Hazeiwood, Missouri

Publicity Secretary: Renee M. Page, Bridgeton, Missouri

Historian: Mrs. Ray Searls, Medora, Illinois

Directors:

Charles Monfort, Kirk- wood, Missouri; Neal Werts, Hazel- wood, Mo.; Truman Pocklington, Ship man, Ill.; Ray Searls, Medora, Ill.

Ambassadors:

J. Roy Brunk, Rochester, Ill.; Stuart G. Hazard, Topeka, Kansas; Ernest McElhinney, Morning Sun, Iowa; Marlin Manning, Belle Rive, Ill.

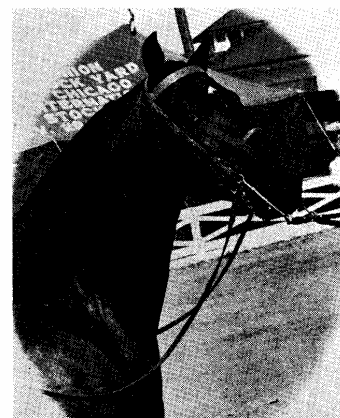
This writer had the pleasure, of attending the Annual High Point Awards meeting of the Missouri Horse Shows Association in Columbia, Mo. in December. This year a Morgan Fine Harness division was included among the awards, along with the Saddle award. It is noted that the placing were exactly the same in both divisions this year. It was a happy Bill Bartley who received the trophies and ribbons that made his good mare, Pleasant Lady, Missouri Champion of 1963, and it couldn't happen to a nicer twosome. The Reserve award also went to a popular pair, Miss Barbara Monfort of Kirkwood, Mo., and her lively little gelding, Fancy Dan. The third award went to Dr. D. F. McCarthy's little chestnut, Panfield's Thor. Congratulations one and all!

The MVMHC has some new members, one of which is Miss Doreen Thomson, who has just arrived from Denver, Colorado and now is making her home in the St. Louis area. This writer happened to meet her quite by a twist of fate. It seems that she was looking for a place to keep her black Morgan gelding, Little Shield, and stopped at my home, just by chance. After learning that we had Morgans, she expressed a desire to learn more about our local Morgans, their activities and the MVMHC and later attended the Christmas party when she promptly joined. Doreen is very enthusiastic about Morgans and takes great pride in her little, gelding, whom she affectionately calls "Mingq", a five year old sired by Chief Justin Morgan (Brunky x Mylynda). She recently purchased him from Mrs. Nichols of Littleton, Colorado. At the present time, he is still in Colorado, but Doreen hopes to bring him to St. Louis just as soon as possible.

Our other members of late are Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Volz of Moro, Illinois. The Volzs are the owners of a nice coming yearling, bay filly, Abby's Pet who is sired by Indian War Chief, (Chief Red Hawk x Gayneta) and out of Abby R (Cinnamon King x Jubilee's Pride).

This writer spent a recent Friday gallivanting about here and there in Illinois with a friend, looking at Arabians, Welsh Ponies and of course, Morgans. Our first stop was at Rochester, to see Roy Brunk and his grand daughter Lois Jean Mayes. While there, Lois Jean showed us all the fine Morgans that call the Cotton Hill Stock Farm home. Heading the list is her perky little bay stallion, Alde Baron (Mango, x Nellanne) who did quite well last summer in his first year of showing. He is just a four year old and Lois Jean is anxiously awaiting the arrival of his first foals this spring. We also saw their sweet little coming yearling filly, Dannette. A dark chestnut, she is sired by Danny De Jarnette. and out of Anne Dee. Then we all went out to the pasture for a look at the broodmares and I must say all were in top condition and displayed that true Morgan curiosity and friendliness toward strangers.

From there we went on to the Fairgrounds in Springfield, where we had a brief visit with Mrs. L. S. Greenwalt. And of course, we saw Lucky Stone and his lovely stable mate, Belafina, both looking just as fit as ever.



ALDE BARON 12949 (Mango x Nellane)  
owned by Lois Jean Mayes, Rochester, Ill.