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The new year is beginning one of, promise for the Morgan horse, in this area of the Mid-West. Possibly the biggest and most exciting thing is the possibility of a Mid-West Regional Morgan Show, to be held at Illinois State Fairgrounds, Springfield, Ill. Hope to have more definite information about this next month.

To go back in time a little the Mississippi Valley Club enjoyed a highly successful banquet back in November. About 70 people were on hand for the dinner held at the Colonial House, O'Fallon, Ill. Following a brief meeting, the Morgan sound film was shown and drew many favorable comments.

Our December Christmas party was again held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Truman Pocklington, Shipman, Ill. Following a delicious pot-luck dinner, some of the hardier souls braved the mud and cold to have a look at the Pocklington Morgans. Indian War Chief was looking and feeling good. His blue ribbon winning filly, Maple Della was in good shape although a little like a wooly teddy bear, and drew some nice compliments from the members. Truman and Allene can be proud of the dam of this filly, Del Emma, for she consistently has excellent foals for them. All of the Pocklington horse's were fat and friendly it was hard to say who was more interested in whom the people in the horses or the horses in the people! As soon as everyone was back in the house and thawed out, the meeting got underway. The biggest concern was the election of officers for 1965.

Our congratulations to the following:

President, Marlin Manning

Vice-President, Neal Werts

Secretary-Treasurer, Linda Howard

Publ. Secretary, Pat Werts

Historian, Mrs. Ray Searls

Directors: Roy Brunk, Ray Brachear, Charles Monfort, Floyd Niebruegge

Ambassadors: Stuart Hazard, Ernest McElhinney, W. McAllister, Paul Capelle.

We have had several new members join us in the past couple of months. Wesley Dent and son, Paul of O'Fallon, Ill., purchased the good chestnut mare, Miss Charm (Rayal Clipper out of Lilita) from the Pocklingtons, and are quite pleased with her. Wes is not new to Morgans, having raised some good ones a few years back, so we are quite happy to see, him back with Morgans again.

Also new members, and very enthusiastic, are the Harold Daniels family of Spanish Lake, Missouri, just out side of St. Louis. Their young son showed a two year old gelding in local Morgan classes this summer and they put on a good show. They should do very well this year, with some experience behind them. The gelding is King's Misty, a bay by Cinnamon King out of Misty Lynn. He's a little horse, with an exceptionally beautiful head a typical Morgan. The Daniels also have the bay mare Gallant Sue, by Gallant Tex out of Princess Toby, and her 1964 filly by Duke of Lebanon. The mare has been bred back to Shadow Hawk for her 1965 foal.

Another new member is W. Dayton Keyes, Jr., of Raymond, Ill., who is rapidly building a good sized herd of Morgans. After much talking and many visits to their farm, he finally managed to get the Ray Brachears to part with the coming two year old stallion, Shine On (Senator Graham out of Miss Holiday). This is a well conformed colt, with an excellent disposition. Since that first purchase, Mr. Keyes has added the following: from Pendleton Farms, a bay weanling stallion (Sandman x Idlemore Sunshine); Idlemore Sunshine and Idlemore Nancy, full sisters, sired by Dyberry Billy out of Jubilee's Thankful; Little Bay Lady, by Sunnyview Robin out of R'Surene Dixie; Bay Babe, by Sunnyview Robin out of Twinkle M. From Mr. and Mrs. Neal Werts he purchased Princess Marie, chestnut mare by Highview King out of Auburn, in foal to Shadow Hawk. Coraglow, a dainty, showy coming 3 year old filly was purchased from Mrs. Greenwalt. Sired by Corisor of Upwey and out of Glorita, she seems to be one of the young horses to watch in the coming year. Mr. Keyes most recent acquisitions come from Mr. A. E. Swartz of Independence, Mo. Minute Maid (Townshend Gaymeade x Dawn Mist) and Little Witch (Jubilee Flash x Flashena), both bred to Major Cotton.

Pendleton Farm, Belle Rive, Ill., has added quite a few Morgans to their band. At the Funquest Farm Production Sale they purchased the following nice fillies: Funquest Gaywana (Pukwana x Firebird), Funquest Nella Knox (Pukwana x Black Patch), Funquest Brucette, and Funquest Deewana, both also sired by Pukwana.

Two Iowa Morgans have moved to Pendleton Farm, they being Sally de Jarnette, a dark chestnut mare coming four, and Sue de Jarnette, a full sister a year younger. Both are sired by Warhawk and out of June de Jarnette. The mares were sold by Ernest McElhinney of Morning Sun, Iowa. Another new filly, a weanling, was purchased at the Mid Sale at Big Bend Farms, this being Tapnor Cash Box, by Caven Glo Revenu out of Tapnor Easter Bonny. The Morgan most of us are most interested in seeing however is the new stallion, Astroflight, a son of Top Flight (full brother to Jubilee Joy) and Annie S. Sentney. As most of you may know, Pendleton Farms are interested in Morgans as using western horses, and have been showing the Morgan cutting horse Sandman.

Double tragedy has struck the Morgans owned by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Capelle. They purchased a promising year ling filly, Funquest Knoxeta, at the Funquest Sale, for their son David. A few days after getting her home to Illinois she died of an infection. Within six weeks they also lost their weanling filly, Congo's Princess (Congo's Pride x Queen of Hearts), due to a ruptured intestine. Let's hope the coming year will treat them better.

Some sad news also from Mr. and Mrs. John Howard of Springfield, Ill. Their ribbon winning little weanling stallion, OK Dan Tucker (Danny de Jarnette x Anne Dee) also passed away. This was a promising little chap. The Howards have added another mare to their group, this being the 20 year old Dellama, purchased from Mary Gerhardt of Bridgeton, Mo. Deliana consistently produces top quality foals, so the Howards can look forward to the arrival of her 1965 foal, which will be sired by Shadow Hawk.

To end the year on a more cheerful note, the annual Missouri Horse Shows Association awards were presented at a dinner at Columbia, Mo. on December 5th. These are awarded to the Morgans with the greatest number of points gathered in Morgan 3-Gaited Classes on the MHSA circuit. The winner was Congo's Pride, 17 year old black stallion, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Capele of Highland, Ill. This son of Congo was a favorite with judges and crowds alike, and was shown to perfection by Miss Deborah Hoffman. He was defeated only once on the MHSA circuit this by his son, Copper Cloud. Congo's Pride also placed high in the ribbons at the Mid-West Charity Show and at the Illinois State Fair. Reserve award went to Dejarnette's King, bay gelding owned by Miss Nancy Davis of Crystal City, Mo. D.J's King is by Cinnamon King out of Fanny de Jarnette, and placed in many other classes besides the Morgan classes English and western pleasure, and model classes. Certainly he is a prime example of a versatile Morgan!