

Mississippi Valley News

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May 28 — Marion County Fair grounds Salem, Illinois the date and location of the Mississippi Valley Morgan Club's 2nd Annual Show. Clarence Test, our Show Chairman, has capably handled the multi-million details that go with a show, working long and hard to see that everything is ready for the big day. Professor Maurice Keys of the University of Illinois will judge all classes. Breeding classes will be shown at 9:30 A.M. Six Morgan performance classes and four open classes will be shown starting at 1:30 P.M.

Trophies, ribbons, and prize money will be awarded in the performance classes; ribbons in the breeding classes with the exception of the Grand Champion Mare and Stallion. The O'Neill sisters have donated a traveling trophy, in memory of the late C. J. O'Neill, for the Grand Champion Stallion, to be won three times for permanent possession. This should be quite an incentive for all the stallion owners. And don't forget the Gay Nineties Class dig out those old costumes and rigs and let's show the crowd something different! For those of you who are coming on Saturday, there is stabling in permanent barns available on the show grounds. So-o-o load your horses and gear and be there at Salem on May 28.

The March meeting was held on the 19th at Dr. D. F. McCarthy's in Florissant, Mo. One of the longest meetings (could it be because of the delicious buffet lunch served mid-way through the meeting?), it was also one of the most interesting. Clarence Test gave a report on the progress of the show plans and this was followed by some discussion. Mrs. Greenwalt informed the club of the death of Mr. F. B. Hills, on March 11, long-time Secretary of the Morgan horse Club, who will be sorely missed by his many friends and acquaintances, as well as by the Club. Mrs. Ed Ryan gave a financial report of the Illinois Morgan Horse Breeders' Futurity, and reminded members of the nomination dates and fees. She also stated that the Illinois State Fair in 1961 would offer a Morgan Saddle Stake for the first time, good news for Morgan exhibitors in the Mid-West. In a few short years the Morgan has come a long way in this great fair, from a list of breeding classes, to the futurity and then to the open and Land of Lincoln performance classes. The club voted to donate a trophy to the Illinois Futurity Champion Weanling Class, this being the second year it has done so. Another show holding Morgan classes is the Mid-West Charity Show at Springfield, Ill., June 8, 9, 10 and 11. Morgan classes include a Junior Saddle Class, Open Saddle Class, and Open Fine Harness Class. The club voted to help sponsor one of these classes.

Following the business meeting and refreshments, a question and answer period was held, the experts being Dr. McCarthy, veterinarian; Mrs. Doris Ryan and Mr. Ray Searls, breeders and trainers. A number of good points were brought out during the questioning what to use in worming horses, various types of shots and when to give them, testing for Bang's disease in horses, care of teeth, use of biting harness, how to place the horse's head, teaching to neck rein, etc. It was interesting to note the similarities in early training a young horses by an English trainer and a western trainer.

During the refreshment period, Renee Page rode Roselyne and Ann Moran rode Panfield's Thor for the members. Dr. McCarthy and the John Gerhardt family recently spent a day in Springfield visiting with the L. S. Greenwalts. They saw the new Flyhawk stallion, Shadow Hawk, who closely resembles his sire.

Dr. McCarthy saw his new filly; Miss Flyhawk worked in long lines. After seeing the horses at home, they drove to the Illinois State Fairgrounds where they took a peek at Lucky Stone, last year's Ill. State Fair Champion Stallion. He is coming along nicely in harness. Several of the mares at Highview Farm are in foal to him, with Jenney Lake due to foal shortly. Of course Doe had his little black bag with him and checked over the horses while there.

A new Morgan owner in the St. Louis area is Mel Shy of, Oakville, just south of St. Louis. He recently purchased the three-year old bay stallion, Dejarnette's King, from Mr. and Mrs. Ray Searls. This son of Cinnamon King and Fanny de Jarnette is developing into a typy individual and should be a good advertisement for the Morgan in this area.

The Ray Brachears are working Jeanne White's flashy three-year-old stallion Copper Cloud, both in harness and under saddle. They raised Copper and I think they are glad to have him back in their barn.

Mr. F. K. Dzegolewski parted with a good two year old stallion, selling him to Royce Wilhauk, Jr., of Hillsboro, Mo. Amber Sun, by Gallant Tex out of Amberina is a well-grown youngster with a showy way of going and we look for him to draw attention in the shows around and in Jefferson County.

Our directory of members and horses is now available. For a copy, send 50cents to Mrs. Truman Pocklington, Shipman, Ill.