

Mississippi Valley Morgan Horse Club News From October 1960

There was a good turnout for the October meeting held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L.S. Greenwalt of Pawnee, Illinois. An important topic of discussion was the possibility of a Morgan show, promoted jointly by five Midwestern Morgan clubs. Representatives of these clubs were to be invited to meet at a central location and discuss this idea.

Roy Brunk moderated a lively discussion of the proposed changes to the AHSA rules for showing Morgans. Renee Page was elected Historian for the coming year. She will keep a scrapbook of newspaper clippings, pictures, etc., of Morgan news and happenings in our area.

Mrs. Thomas Brunk drove their dark chestnut mare Daisanna to the meeting hitched to a Louis XV Phaeton, used in the film "Abe Lincoln in Illinois."

We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ryan of Delavan, Illinois as new members. They are well known as Saddle Horse and Morgan breeders and trainers. Doris has also taught equitation and done quite a bit of judging.

Following the meeting, refreshments were served by the hostesses. Mrs. Greenwalt, Mrs. T. Brunk, Mrs. Kenneth White and Mrs. Ryan. "Pop" Greenwalt then brought out the Greenwalt Morgans, LuckyStone, grand champion stallion of the 1960 Illinois State Fair, and Bette Belle, grand champion mare at the same fair. Also led out for inspection were Jenny Lake, the yearling filly, Belafina, and the three year old mare, Starfly.

All in all, it was an interesting meeting and discussion with a number of members present who are not able to come to most of our meeting.

After the meeting, Mr. and Mrs. Werts, Dr. McCarthy, and the John Gerhardt family drove over to Roy Brunk's. Lois Jean Mayes, grand daughter of the Brunks is taking nurse's training at Memorial Hospital in Springfield. She spends her weekends with her grandparents, riding and working with the horses. She brought out the show mare Maudette, and Roy discussed with us the good and bad points about her as he would judge her. This was interesting and informative. Lois Jean also brought out a couple of good yearling stallions. We then drove out to the pasture to inspect the mares and colts, two fillies by Whippoorwill Duke, two stud colts by Mr. Breezy Cobra, and a stud and filly by the deceased Mango. Roy also has an exceptionally nice bay three- year old mare, Sunette, that Lois Jean is working with. We enjoyed visiting and would like to have stayed later, but it was late and we had to head for home.

Mr. and Mrs. Truman Pocklington have added another mare to their small group of Morgans, this one purchased from F.K. Dzengolewski. She is the big, dark chestnut, flaxen maned, 6 year old Amberina, sired by Tritoni out of Illawana Bess. She has a good deal of action, and also has raised several nice foals for Mr. Dzengolewski.

Mr. Gilbert Kasten of Carlinville, Illinois has sold his bay mare, Gay Sue to John Barber of Indianapolis, Ind. Mrs. Barber also owns the Morgan stallion, Sylvester.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Searls will be happy to hear that he looks fine, and is able to get around a little now, After spending about six weeks in bed, we know how much he appreciates being able to move around. Hope we will see you at a meeting in the not too distant future.