

By PAT WERTS

The experts claim this summer is one of the coolest in the history of the weather bureau here in St. Louis, which is little consolation for those of us in this area who have sweltered in the "cool 90 degree readings and 75% humidity for several weeks. Still the horse shows go on, with folks getting ready now for the biggest one in this area, the Illinois State Fair.

The Wilmington, Ill. show drew a number of good Morgans, not only for the Morgan classes but for some of the open classes as well. The three gaited class, with eight entries, was won by Starily, owned by the Greenwalts and shown by 13 year old Steve Park. Second went to Shadow Hawk, black stallion by Flyhawk, also owned by the Greenwalts and shown by Doris Ryan. This was his first show though not a young horse he has never been in the ring before and watch out for him in the future. Third was Robert Glenn of Wayne, Ill., with his versatile brown gelding Towne-Ayr Twig, and Skychief, bold going chestnut stallion of the Orwin Osman's was fourth. The Glenn family swept the first three places in the Morgan Western Pleasure, first going to Robert and Town-Ayr Twig, second to Dwight Ashmore, and third to Town-Ayr Sprig. Mark Staehnke was fourth. There were seven entries in this well shown class.

Skychief won a big Model class of 12 entries; Dorian Ashmore was second, Shadow Hawk third and Starfly fourth. The management has promised the addition of a Morgan harness class next year, in view of the good turnout of Morgans this year.

Steve Park rode Starfly in the Open Equitation Class, winning over eight other riders, most of who were mounted on walk-trot horses. Towne Ayr Twig was third in a large Open English Pleasure Class.

Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Greenwalt and Dick Greenwalt and family attended a performance of the Gold Cup Morgan Show at Bucyrus, Ohio. They report seeing some good horses and performances.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Searls and Mr. and Mrs. Earl MacMichael attended the Western National Morgan Show and Sale at Estes Park, Cob. Also attending the show was the Bill Byers family of Albuquerque, N. M., which later came on to Missouri for a short visit.

According to reports, Mr. Stuart Hazard's three stallions did very well, with the four year old Pukwana (Sen. Graham x Neliza) first in the Aged Stallion Class, Gr. Ch. Stallion, and 1st in the English Pleasure Class. This was his first show. The highly regarded two-year old Funquest Falcon (The Brown Falcon x Dot S Bell Ann) won the Two Year Old Stallion Class and was second in Fine Harness. Another two year old, Funquest Gold Hawk (Chief Red Hawk x Allan's Fancy L.) won the Stock Horse Class and was Ch. Stock Horse. Mr. Hazard recently had the misfortune to lose his good junior mare, Alfalee.

The Byers family spent several days in St. Louis not nearly enough time for everyone to get caught up on Morgan news from both here and New Mexico. Hope they can make their next visit a little longer.

News of more Morgans winning ribbons in open competition at the Hillsboro, Mo. Horse Show and Festival, Royce Wilhauk, Jr.'s two year old stallion Amber Sun was fifth in the Open Model Class, his first show. The little two year old half Morgan filly, Miss Chips, by Gallant Chief out of an American Saddlebred mare, owned by the Wilhauk's, Sr., was third in the same class. Miss Chips had earlier placed fifth in the Model Class at the DeSoto, Mo. show. A grade Morgan mare, Midnight Lady, owned by Joe Atwater of St. Charles, Mo. was fourth, and the stallion, Stormy Weather, owned by A. L. Kaegel, fifth in a big, classy parade class at the Hillsboro Show. More and More Morgans are being shown in open competition, and not only do they have to be better in all ways than their Saddlebred, Walking Horse, or Quarter Horse competitors, but many, many times must also overcome strong prejudice on the part of the judges, who lean toward one breed or another, or know nothing about judging Morgans.

Young Barbara Monfort of Kirkwood, Mo., accompanied by her parents and Morgan gelding, Fancy Dan (Congo x Dellama), journeyed to Eminence, Mo., with the Manchester Saddle Club for a 100 mile pleasure ride the latter part of June. They had a wonderful time. Barbara has been winning consistently with Danny. At a recent Manchester Cub show she won a first, a third in English Pleasure, and fourth in English Model. Another Morgan doing an outstanding job against open competition!

Warren Holmbraker of Sperry, Iowa, came home from the hospital July 12, almost four and one-half weeks after he suffered a broken leg. The day he was to come home he developed a blood clot so had to stay a couple of weeks longer. The cast is above the knee and makes it rather unhandy to get around. Seems as though the day he was hurt, he had been showing the Holmbraker Morgans to the Ernest McElhinneys and Bob Watkins. Discovering the sows in the oat field, he jumped on the stallion, Fudge Royale to get them in. As he rode through an old hay pile, Fudge slipped and fell. The Holmbraker's yearling stallion Prince Cobra is being worked by a friend, and if everything goes right, they will show him at the Illinois State Fair. Mary Holmbraker also mentions that Bob Riley of Wheat Cheer, Iowa, lost his two year old Eastern bred stallion, Merry Chandler, from a twisted intestine. He was developing into a good looking horse and going well for his age.

Dr. D. F. McCarthy of Florissant, Mo., has recently acquired two mares from the East. One is the 13 year old black mare, Illawana Jean Ann, a mare with enough action and speed to make a roadster. The other mare is the three year old Pleasant Lady, out of the above mare and sired by Middlebury Ace. Pleasant Lady is a chestnut marked with white, green broken to ride and drive, and will make a good three gaited mare when fully trained.

These mares will be bred to Panfield's Thor. Doc now has five Morgans, a Palomino mare, a half-Morgan filly and a Shetland stallion, quite a stableful!