

New York State Morgan Horse Society, Inc.

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We are sorry to learn that Dr. George Taylor, Cuba, N.Y., head-man at the Hobby Horse Morgan Farm, and President of the New York State Morgan Horse Society has had a long winters bout with illness. The latest report is that he is home from the hospital and well on his way to complete recovery. We all look forward to his return to the active leadership of the New York Club. It is a fair bet that considerable Club business was conducted from a hospital bed. Thanks are due Ralph Plauth, the Club's Vice President for filling in for Dr. Taylor at Club meetings and attending the AHSA Convention.

The Board of Directors of the NYSMHS Inc., met Jan. 18, 1969 at Raphaels Inn in Syracuse, N.Y. Mr. Plauth reported to the Board on the recent AHSA Convention, held in Chicago. Margaret Carramore also reported on the Morgan Forum held at the Chicago Convention.

It was suggested that rules governing the High Score Awards be updated and clarified. Suggested changes were made and they will be brought to a member vote.

A letter from Dr. Nichols, Chairman for the State Committee on trail rides was read. The Empire State Horsemens Asso. is sponsoring a Pleasure Trail Ride, Sept. 26-28, 1969 in the Brookfield Reforestation Area, south of Utica. Dr. Nichols requested that a club member head up the Morgan movement for this ride. The Directors decided that Bernie Dunn be asked to organize Morgan members because of his interest along this line.

It was sadly announced that a club member, young Jimmy Barrett died recently. Corr. Secretary, Nancy Knoll was asked to convey the Club's sympathy to his family.

The Fairgrounds have been reserved by Bud Mercer, for the 1969 N.Y. International Show. Dates are: Oct. 3, 4, and 5. The Board approved renewal of Patron membership in the Empire State Horsemen Assoc. Nancy Knoll reported that the Judge for the June, Breeder's Show will be Alvin Fairbanks of Arcadia, Calif. Nancy also reported

that the Kingston, Ontario show has been scheduled for July 19th, and will be an AHSA C rated All-Morgan Show. It was decided that this show will be the Canadian Qualifying Show for the NYSMHS International Stake Classes.

SALES — Roman Acres, Rome, N.Y., owned by Bill and Carol Lutz, has sold Roman Emperor (Oldwick Crusader x UVM Elaine) to Mr. and Mrs. John Barbour from Conn. Emperor will be in training this winter at Bob Brook's fine stable, getting ready for the '69 shows. The Barbours purchased Emperor for their daughter Sabra, a young lady who has shown quite a bit.

Also sold from Roman Acres to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Meloney, Kent, Conn.; Roman Belle Star (Oldwick Crusader x U. C. Senorita) a coming 3 year old brown filly. Mrs. Meloney reports that she has already ridden her several times and likes her so much that she is thinking of stealing her for her own amateur horse. Mr. and Mrs. Meloney purchased from the same farm, Roman Empress, a full sister to Emperor. She is a typy, two year old filly.

John Doyle, Fort Ann, N.Y. owner of Cobblehill Morgan Farm, has sold Cobblehill Flagman, a five year old bay gelding by Bald Mt. Easter Sun and out of Royalton Tina to Mrs. Garnet Hurd, Glens Falls, N. Y. Mrs. Hurd bought Cobblehill Flagman for her 15 year old daughter Kathy to use and perhaps show some.

Gerald Ashby and wife, Ann of Auburn, N.Y. have sold their yearling stallion, Ashwood Kastan (Allen's Major x Ransomvale Bridget) to Patience Brewster of Skanelates.

Kastan's new owner is quite an accomplished rider and has worked with hunters and jumpers. She has also shown their Morgan mare Winderest Fanfair (Upwey Ben Don x Belle McLinsley) quite successfully in equitation classes. Kastan is her first "very own" horse and the Ashbys' wish her every success with him.

N. Y. member, Ben Qua formerly of Cambridge, but now working at Washington's birth place in Virginia, reports

the sale of his mare Amostown Betty Jane (Scotch Prince x Bay State Vesta) to Bill Beaty of Salem, N.Y. Betty Jane will join Bill's growing broodmare band; she is the dam of Tiptop Titan and Pine Hill June Mist.

New Morgan enthusiasts and new members of the N.Y. Club, John and Gertrude Ziepler, Greene, N. Y. recently purchased their first Morgan from Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth Reed, Claremont, N.H. A two year old chestnut Westridge Sally King (Criterion x Lippitt Sally Brook). Sally was delivered in N.Y. State in Nov., the Zieglers plan to show her "by hook or crook".

NEW MEMBERS

Fred and Betty Zercher, Jamesville, New York; Mrs. Barbara A. Siegel, Liberty, N.Y.; Linda Potts, Liverpool, N.Y.; Leslie Wight, Canton, N.Y.; Ferruccio Passuello, Bloomville, N. Y.; Mrs. Una Daniels, Massena, N.Y.; Mrs. Gordon L. Stetzel, Stanley, N.Y.; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dunville, Farmington, Michigan; Barbara Cronk, Franklin, N.Y.; and Leo LeFave, Twin Arch Road, Rock Tavern, N.Y.

GENERAL MORGAN NEWS

From Mr. Bill Meloney, Kent, Connecticut: "The year's most important transaction involving a single horse. Figure's Morgan Farm hitched its wagon to a Star; and now with the Star in their stable, they have hitched it to a Constellation. With the turn of the year Figure's Morgan Farm, Kent, Conn. purchased from Howard W. Young of New Bedford, Mass., the famous champion Chasley Superman (Orland Leader x Rena). Mr. Young purchased this more than forty times champion at the Hanover Hill Dispersal Sale a little more than a year ago, where he topped all previous sales records in the breed. Figure's Farm also purchased from Mr. Young UVM Heather (Tutor x Norma), in foal to Superman. A family portrait begins to take shape. Standing in the aisle of one stable are the distinguished Grand Dam, Rena; her son Chasley Superman; her son Renatus by Orland Vigildon; the Superman fillies Hanover Super Love (1968 2-year old Harness winner at the National and at Farmington); Hanover Super Lady; and Hanover Goldfinger. The last two will make their debut this year."

Ann Ashby, Auburn, N.Y. reports that during the last show season they showed Ashwood Majestic (Allen's Major x Lippitt Georgianna) quite successfully.
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cessfully in local shows. In three shows, he was entered in 5 classes and came out with 3 blues, 1 third and 1 Grand Champion Saddle Horse. This was in open competition with Arabs, Saddlebreds, Palominos and Pintos. 'Jesse' was the only Morgan there and he surely made his presence known.

Bill Lutz, Rome, N.Y. is happy to report that wife, Carol is now coming along fine after a rather long illness. Bill feels that now things are finally looking up. In construction at the new farm, is an 18 stall barn with a large indoor riding ring attached. Oldwick Crusader has returned from Margaret Carramores, after spending the breeding and show season with her and sister Betty Rodricks. They hated to see him go, but now Wick is settled in at home, and really enjoying his new barn.

A new red-haired daughter born Jan. 22, 1969 to John and Trudy Collins, Top-A-Hill Farm, Horseheads, N.Y. The young Miss has been named Katherine Pauline.

The entire Club's sympathy goes to Mr. and Mrs. James D. Barratt, Elmira, N.Y. Jan. 8th, their son James Joseph was stricken with meningitis and died very suddenly. Young James was 20 years of age, he was employed in N.Y. City at the time of his death.

Dorothy Bachman is more than pleased with the success of Ransomvale Morgans shown during the 1968 show season. Two Ransomvale mares did well in High Score awards for '68. Ransomvale Vigilda (Orland Leader x Moro Hill's Morita) was Reserve Champion Park Morgan for Inter-county Horsemen's Assoc. with points in shows in Pa. and Ohio. In the Penn-Ohio Morgan Boosters, including Hi-Point Awards — Ransomvale Vigilda was Grand Champion Halter mare and Grand Champion Park horse. Ransomvale Jamie (Allen's Major x Bonnie Twilight) was Reserve Champion Park Horse.

Blue Spruce Farms, Altamont, N.Y. owned by Ralph and Betty Plauth did very well in the N. Y. State High Score awards. Their 4 year old chestnut mare Blue Bonnet (Pecos x Katinka Hawk) came in Champion in Eng. pleasure, Champion in Amateur, Ch. in Junior Exhibitor, Ch. in Promotion and Reserve Champion in Versatility. Blue Bonnet was ridden by Miss Jeanne Plauth, quite a young horsewoman.

Wawayanda Farms, run by Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Hoops, Slate Hill, N.Y. recently delivered Wawayanda Garfield (Moro Hill's Adonis x Parader's Pollyanna) to Mr. and Mrs. Kurt Frenzel of Jacksonville, Florida. The Hoops left Slate Hill on a Friday afternoon and were back Monday night. (They don't let grass grow under their car tires). The Frenzel's are anxious to meet Morgan owners in their area and invite anyone to see their new colt.

Also at Wawayanda, Jen Hoops says the long winter days there were brightened by visits from Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Salvigione, Ginny Mowers, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Darrohn and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Meixell.

The Hoops attended a meeting of the Vermont Morgan Club held in Montpelier, during the winter. On their way to the meeting they stopped at the Manunian Stud, in Manchester and visited with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stiles.

Further adventures in the game of raising your first weanlings (now yearlings) by Mrs. Lola Hirsekorn, East Aurora, N.Y. Bob and Lola bought their first Morgan at the N. Y. Sale in October of 1967. Penfield Squire (Ledgewood Jancos x Bell-O-Mine), consigned by Curt Smith, Penfield, N.Y. Squire was a 4 year old gelding then. In December 1968 the Hirsekorns picked up their latest Morgans at Bellcor in Corinth, N.Y. Bellcor's Billy Moro and Bellcor's Misty Moro, a chestnut son and a bay daughter of Equinox To-Moro.

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gan world really evaluated the current horse market, and acknowledged that it exists because of a personal pleasure and recreation need expressed by the American public, as these officers of other breed associations have?

The rule change answers "no" quite emphatically. Show rings are one of the prime factors by which a breed is brought to the attention of the growing numbers of people who are attracted to the horse as a means of pleasure and recreation. This year, some of the rules which helped to keep the Morgan Horse reasonably attractive to the recreation-mined public have been eliminated, instead of strengthened. We cannot begin to compete with the breeds that are passing us by unless we take a coldly objective look at why they are where they are, and we are not. The breeds at the top in percentage of growth are those which present a nat-