

Helen Greenwalt Cited By N. Y. Morgan Society

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Helen Brunk Greenwalt, nationally prominent Morgan breeder and enthusiast, was awarded the Lawrence A. Appley Award for Service at the New York State Morgan Horse Society's annual meeting in Syracuse, N. Y., Dec. 1. The annual award, sponsored by the New York Morgan group and named after its first recipient, recognizes a Morgan enthusiast with a continuing record of support and outstanding service to the breed.

Philip W. Jackson, New York State Morgan Horse Society president, and Mr. Appley, Chairman of the Board of the American Morgan Horse Association, presented the award to Mrs. Pat Long, longtime friend of Mrs. Greenwalt, who accepted the award in Mrs. Greenwalt's absence.

'A Morgan Heritage'

In making the presentation, Mr. Jackson read the following testimony to Mrs. Greenwalt's record of service:

"For years her address was Highview Farm at Pawnee, Illinois, and more recently, is Delavan, Illinois. Now in her seventy-third year, this well-known Morgan breeder and exhibitor has been involved with Morgans all her life. Add to this the valuable experiences she and her sister and brothers shared with their father, Joseph C. Brunk — called in his day the 'breeding wizard' — and it is evident that here is one of the breed's most knowledgeable and influential enthu-

siasts, with a Morgan heritage of more than 100 years.

"Most serious breeders hope that during their lifetime they will produce a 'great' Morgan — a stallion or mare whose contributions to the breed will be such that the mere mention of that animal's name will immediately bring to mind the breeder of that animal. In this respect, Helen Greenwalt is rich indeed. Many champions emerged from her breeding program, and many present day breeding farms were established with her stock. However, certain names stand out: Flyhawk, said by many to be the most influential sire in the Midwest; Senator Graham, who was destined to sire a family of his own. These stallions appear in pedigrees all across the country, and novice breeders learn quickly to identify their sought-after qualities — the Flyhawk trot and strong hind quarters, the Senator Graham backs and refinement.

"Very strong female lines are also the mark of the Greenwalt breeding, as was true of her father before her. Immediately, Jenny Lake comes to mind — the dam of Mr. Breezy Cobra, among others. Jenny Lake was pinned grand champion mare five times at the Illinois fair. Another mare, Jubilee Joy, who produced so many great ones, was the dam of Foxfire, another stallion bred by the Greenwalts that established a strong line of his own. And in the



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past decade, the good mare Ellen Bar produced the champions Senator Bar, Senabar, and the winning bay stallion most of us immediately associate with Helen Greenwalt — Beamington.

"Always a very active woman, Helen Greenwalt has plans to do even more. She is, as she always has been, a staunch supporter of the breeder's futurity and the Illinois fair. Recently, she has been very instrumental in promoting youth activities, as well as taking an active part in promoting the highly successful National Jubilee Morgan Show in Springfield, Illinois.

"As a result of her total involvement in the Morgan world, it naturally followed that her daughter, Doris Greenwalt Ryan, should also make her contribution to the Morgan breed. Mrs. Ryan is a successful breeder and exhibitor, respected judge, and a national director of the American Morgan Horse Association. Like her mother, she has known Morgans all her life.

"Simply stated, the Morgan breed can be extremely thankful for three generations of Greenwalt Morgan stewardship."