

CLAIRE MURPHY

Claire Murphy of Cazenovia, New York, and her husband, Dr. Edward Murphy, had pictured a place in the country to raise their children and a horse or two when they first moved to up-state New York. Horses intimidated Claire at first, but Ed found an article in *The Reader's Digest* that extolled the Morgan's excellent disposition and convinced her to try one. Georgianna, the mare they purchased that year, was exactly what the article described. The following year they purchased Donna Mae Pepper, who was bred to Orcland Leader producing Fiddler's First, inaugurating a prefix that was destined to write its own chapter in Morgan history.

Donna also produced Fiddler's Contender, who sired only two foals before embarking on a career as an amateur show gelding. One of his foals was Tedwin Topic. Fiddler's Show Boat provided some of Claire's fondest Morgan memories as the Murphys' youngest child, Jane, trained and exhibited him herself, regularly beating the



professionals in open park saddle classes.

Three stallions left their stamp on the Fiddler's Green herd: Waseeka's Vivo, Upwey Ben Don, and Waseeka's In Command, all of whom stood at Fiddler's Green for many years. The farm's current breeding stallions, Fiddler's Trustee and Fiddler's Rockin The Boat have continued the line with quality offspring.

The AMHA is pleased to recognize the contributions of Claire Murphy to the Morgan breed and welcomes her into the AMHA Hall of Fame.