

## FRED HERRICK

Fred Herrick is a longtime Morgan horse trainer who got his start in the 1950s, training first at Saddleback Farm, for the Voorhis, then Thomas Choate, and, finally, his own horses. His name has been linked to some of the greatest Morgans to ever set foot on the ground, including: Pecos, Applevale Challenger, Saddleback Supreme, Trophy's Emerald, Elm Hill Charter Oak, Phantom Of The Opera, and many, many more. He has helped many young trainers get their starts, including Phil Fountain, Sonya Wood, Tim Murray and many others.

Fred's presence in the show ring assured everyone in the stands would be on the edge of their seats watching a patented performance of grace and ability. No matter the division, a Morgan trained by Fred had a strong balanced trot with a beautiful head-set. This was exemplified by his pairing with Saddleback Supreme, a loft trotting chestnut stallion with a distinctive white blaze who Fred showed to countless titles, including the World Park Harness Championship. There are many who believe his win could be characterized as the most exciting class ever held, with an amazing list of the top performers of the day. Supreme was on the top of his game, trotting off all four with ease and brilliance, a true superstar.

Fred was known to show humility at all times. A true gentleman, he showed sportsmanship in both victory and defeat. While his talent as a trainer certainly earned him a good amount of respect in the Morgan world, it was his dignity and grace that made him a very special person to many.

Fred was married to noted artist, writer, and breeder Jeanie Mel- len Herrick. Together the couple took care of the much of the breeding for Applevale, Saddleback, and Oriskany Creek farms, as well as their own Aquarian Morgans. Their breeding program included the gene pool of his greatest show ring stars, chosen for their strong pedigrees, correct build, and natural ability. Their daughter, Nancy, continues their tradition to- day, training horses in upstate New York. Nancy showed their stal-

lion, Aquarian Supremacy, to wins in Park Saddle, Natural Park, Pleasure, and, finally, in Western Pleasure. Nancy should be a good trainer, for she learned from one of the best.

Fred was always willing to lend a hand and never too busy to answer a question. We are pleased to induct Fred Herrick into the AMHA Hall of Fame.

