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Dear Subscribers,

I'm late sending this issue to Jo for lay-out and printing. Going back to the regular work force is a shock to my system. As the old joke goes, when the farmer won the lottery he was asked what he'd do with all that money. "Oh, probably just keep farming until I run out of money again." That's what I'd do too.

Everybody's wrapping things up for another season. The horses are growing their winter coats and we're checking the winter feed supplies. But see if you can get away for a late autumn ride before the snow flies...

Thanks for all the news and views. Keep writing.

Marjorie C. Lacy

 * COVER PHOTO: Charles Lacy riding Uphill Arnica back to camp on the *
 * South Sulphur River in the Willmore Wilderness Area. *
 * north of Jasper Park. That was on our first pack trip *
 * last September '90. *

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Jus' Fine

A PACK TRIP WITH CHIMNEY CREEK OUTFITTERS

by Mary Henderson

What a surprise! - for Don to win the 5 day pack trip for two, donated by Miles and Joanne Stern, Chimney Creek Outfitters, Edson. This was a special prize at this year's Festival of the Gaits. All those who entered were eligible and the prize was awarded by draw. And I don't think anyone could have appreciated it more than Don & I did.

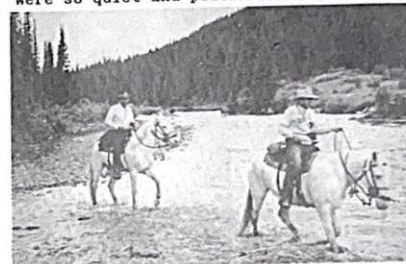


Early on the 19th of August, we travelled west to Nordegg and then north on the Trunk Road for sixty km, and west again for thirty km to our trail head. Here we met Joanne and Miles, and Jack Gurnett, Joanne's father. They packed our sleeping bags and clothes on the pack-horses, and had two good saddle horses for us to ride. All their horses are Tennessee Walkers from Northfork Farm, Rimby. They were sure footed, very smooth, and comfortable to ride. We were to cover a lot of miles in a hurry with that long, steady stride.

The first day we travelled west and south to their first camp. It was a beautiful spot alongside a mountain stream. Joanne cooked up a delicious supper - steak, and everything good to go with it. We slept like logs in tents with lots of fresh air. There's nothing like the mountains for relaxation!

On day two, we packed up and headed higher into the mountains to another camp. We passed old trapper's cabins, likely built in the late 1800s. This day's ride

brought us to a spot on the edge of a mountain meadow with a stream nearby. It was interesting to see our same old moon climb up over those mountains. Evenings were so quiet and peaceful.



On the third day we rode out from camp and travelled high into the mountains. We ate our noon lunch near the last of the dwarfed spruce trees at the top of the tree line, and watched mountain sheep over on the next mountain to us. It was so peaceful we hated to leave and head back to camp.



On day four we broke camp, the pack horses were loaded again, and we travelled back to our first camp. That evening Don and Jack rode out to a little mountain lake to do some fishing. (Well, at least they tried.) Joanne was ... cont'd >

Pack Trip cont'd ...



still feeding us like kings. What a cook!

Day five came 'way too soon; it always makes me sad when it is time to leave the mountains. We rode back to where we had left our car, said good-bye to our new-found friends, and left with many good memories and lots of film.

We had travelled through very picturesque country where no wheels could come. The land was rugged but the horses made it seem easy. We would like to thank Miles & Joanne Stern and Jack Gurnett for a wonderful holiday with horses we enjoyed in country "out of this world".

F-88's WILDCARD (pending) Chestnut colt, bald, 4 stockings, mixed tail. This lit up colt is by Mike out of a grand daughter of Midnight Sun. He's going to have lots of size and has a nice gait. If you want to be noticed on future trail rides take a look at this guy, he really has eye appeal.

F-88's BLUE GENES (pending) Grey colt, will be dappled. This high headed, long striding colt will have good size. He's loaded wiyh gait and has the potential to do whatever may be asked of him.

F-88's FANCY FREE (pending) Liver chestnut filly, 2 hind sox, star, strip & snip. This filly is very elegant, she is very natural and has a long stride. Fancy is out of our old Shadow's Brantley mare, this old mare always gives us the best, there won't be many more foals from her as she has quite a bit of age on her.

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PEACE AREA NEWS

by Jo-Anne McDonald

Well, fall is definitely in the air and the leaves are turning colour. Fall is such a beautiful time of year if you can keep yourself from thinking of what is around the corner...

We had a lovely visit from the staff of Walking Horse News (Marjorie and Jo). They brought with them Caye Marshall and Jan Pima. Their visit coincided with nearly the hottest day of the year so we didn't spend too much time in the sun. Wish they could have spent more time but enjoyed them while they were here.

At McDonald Farms we have sold our four year old gelding, Go Boy's Sage King, to Jan Maki of Anchorage, Alaska. Jan and her brother, Jim Hume, (who lives in Ohio) drove all the way from Ohio and purchased two horses along the way. Jan also bought Sundance Rocky from Steve Short of Grande Prairie. Jim and Jan stayed a few days and we surely enjoyed meeting them and visiting with them. They made the final leg of their trip with no problems other than the infamous Alaska Highway itself! We wish you all the best with your new horses, Jan. As we've always said, you meet the nicest people riding Walkers.

Don and I have been riding quite a bit this year and thoroughly enjoying it. Don always seems to have a green horse but he doesn't seem to mind.

Special congratulations to Betty Ann Janni and her Monterey Masterpiece for their win at the Pincher Creek Competitive Ride. The Monte Ray horses are doing nicely at this event as Monterey Reveille also placed well at this ride. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!

I'd also like to thank TLC Carwash in Dawson Creek (Noble & Maxine Gordon) for the use of their FAX machine. It's great!! It lets me be later with my news!

Until next time, Jo-Anne

SASKATCHEWAN NEWS

BONNIE & NICK BROWN have returned to ENDEAVOUR after a short try at living in B.C. They sent in a gift subscription for Karen Memory of Endeavour.

HAZEL PATON, OXBOW, reports that her

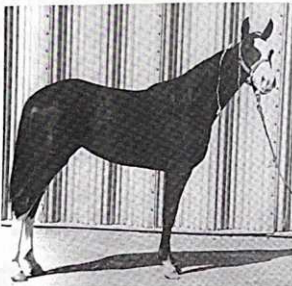
mare, Queen, recovered from the foot abscess and Hazel was all set to go riding again when suddenly the garden and lawn took off, growing faster than she could in hoe and mow! Then the mosquitoes came in droves, which added to the problem of where to ride (Paton's home is within the sight of the Alameda Dam project and the trucks and traffic by their place has become horrific), effectively kept her confined to short rides around the farstead. But perhaps once the crop's off, there will be stubble fields to ride in!

LEXIE COLE, CABRI, wrote that she has sold the mares, Tacy and Star Mist FSF, advertised in the last two papers.

MANITOBA NEWS

I talked to DARLENE MOORE, BOISSEVAIN, a while ago. She says she's been very busy with her town job plus the cattle and horses. Darlene still has nine TWH and there were two '91 foals coming, both out of Merry Man daughters by Dakota Midnite. She was in Alberta for a couple of weeks recently, and spent some time visiting stables in the Calgary area, so we'll look forward to hearing about that soon.

KEITH DOLL, DOUGLAS, writes, "Sorry for the lack of news from this area. Last fall the Burns plant where I'd worked for ten years closed unexpectedly, putting about 100 of us out of work. Jobs around



here are like hens' teeth - scarce. I worked for about two and a half months this summer but am knocking on doors again. Consequently I had to cut down on horses."

"After no response to advertising I decided there was no sense in breeding and not selling. So my old stallion, Caribou's Spitfire (Merry Go Rambler x Beauty's Cheyenne) graced the auction block. Dakota Maud Star and M.C.'s Baldie were sold to a PMU line. Both were in foal to Fire when sold so I got back both the fillies from them this fall. Could be the last registered foals from them as the buyer breeds heavy horses. My black filly (Fire x Flash of Diamonds) broke a leg and had to be put down."

"That old Caribou's Spitfire sure must have had good blood somewhere. His foals, regardless of the mare, are run walking like you can't believe. They had better develop good neck muscles or they'll shake their heads off! His yearling son, Doll's Star Fire, is going to Marlene Sams' in Sask. for breeding."

"Foal call for this year is: Sorrel filly, star, strip and hind sock, out of Flash of Diamonds; Chestnut filly, star and white on right hind, out of Dakota Maud Star, and another chestnut filly with blaze, blue eyes, and sock out of M.C.'s Baldie, all sired by Caribou's Spitfire."

"We had a good show July 27/28, our annual Manitoba Light Horse All Breed Show. Darlene Moore of Boissevain and I each took five horse down so we showed the public what Walkers are. My big gelding, Streaker's Son, was Champion of the Breed. He was also the only performance horse so we gave them one heck of a good demonstration!"

"Now Streaker's Son has been sold to Wayne McArthur of Carlyle, Sask. Wayne manages the community pasture for the Indian band north of Kisbey. He does lots of riding so I'm sure "Spike" will be a great help to his remuda. Wayne's cousin, Wally McArthur, also has a very keen eye for horses. He couldn't pass up Dakota Rockaby Doll so this lovely big sorrel two year old filly went to Sask. too."

"I now have only one 3 year old gelding left to sell and the rest are here to grow up. Caribou Kibbrook rides and drives but still needs quite a bit of training. Now

that the numbers are reduced I should have time to work him. I still have 3



weanlings, one yearling and a two year old, all fillies, and my old mare, Flash of Diamonds. That's plenty to keep me playing."

From TRANNA NORTH, SWAN RIVER, "I still have my two TWH mares, Rebel's Sunbeam, a 14 year old buckskin, and her daughter, Sunstreak Black Velvet, who is five this year. She is by Majestic Streaker and looks just like him - black with four stockings and has his excellent disposition as well."

"Keep up the good work as I sure enjoy your excellent publication."

DIANE URPER, WINNIPEG, writes, "It sure has been a hot summer but we were fortunate that we were able to get our hay up. I sold F88's Tennessee Whisky to Mrs. Oralia Paradine of Binscarth, MB. Would you send her an invitational copy of WHM? She is a first time Walking Horse owner and I know that Whisky will have a good home with her family. So now all we have left to sell is a two year old gelding and perhaps some young stock. We have had a good year with a lot of people out there looking for TWH horses."

"Next year we are looking forward to at least two foals, and maybe three. It keeps life interesting."

"Well, I hope everyone had a good year and keep riding!"

ONTARIO NEWS

MICHELE HUBBARD, OSHAWA, writes, "Hello from Ontario! Hope you are all enjoying your Walkers. Ron and I have not had much time to ride this summer. We have just moved to an old farm near Oshawa and have been busy renovating the house and putting up the fence. Once the fence is completed we'll be able to bring our Walkers home. We have one gelding, Winston's Scooter, and one mare, P.K.'s Dream."

"Two years ago I met Ruth Vdovich at the office where I'm employed as a medical secretary. Ruth introduced us to Tennessee Walkers. It was love at first sight - or should I say, Love at first ride! From the day I met Ruth and her family a friendship was formed, the kind of friendship you don't always find. It's nice to have. And now we're thinking of buying a TWH for our son - he's only five months old! He'll probably be riding before he's walking."

From RAILI TENKULA, NOLALU, "Well, summer's just about over and winter's around the corner. Our summer was busy with haying and entertaining company from Europe and looking for a new stallion to replace our old Flowing Sundust. We had to have the old boy put down for health reasons. And what a sad day that was. Some of these horses just become part of the family and that's what happened with "Tiger" and us. But I do have a beautiful stud colt, the last foal that Tiger sired before his health gave out. The colt's name is Masterpiece by Sundust #900984, Cdn 794."

"Also this spring we had five foals born here. They are: Bay colt, Rena's Wild Ace #911878; palomino filly, Flying Free

and Easy #911879; sorrel filly, Jazzing Up the Town #911877; black filly, Lady Bellodera #911876; and a red and white overo filly, Feeling Free and Easy #911875."

"In June our farm was asked to put on a clinic at the local high school in Thunder Bay. We took our Blue Gunsmoke stallion and a four year old mare, Baronessa. It started with 20 students from grade 12, but as students and teachers saw the horses in the football field, more and more came out until my two hour clinic for twenty turned into an all day affair for some 200 to 300 students, all crowding around the horses. The horses did real well and it was a positive advertisement for the TWH."

"That's all the news I can think of so I'll say good-bye. And again, keep up the good work. I really enjoy getting the magazines. I would like it better if they came every month! Yes, I know; it's a lot of work!"

NOVA SCOTIA NEWS

CAROL BRADLEY, Windsor, writes, "My red roan eight year old mare, Shades of Autumn, brought forth a filly foal on Easter Sunday. Baby was sired by the chestnut Arab with flaxen mane & tail, Shovana. She's being named Shades of Amber. She has my mare's Sabino colour and markings, although with very little white on her face. She has a sweet nature, a lovely trotting action, and after first offering her for sale, I suspect I may have a matched driving pair sometime down the road!"

"Autumn herself is in better shape than she's ever been after we've been riding almost every day this summer. (It's been beautiful weather here although it's made hay very scarce in some parts.) To cap it off, we rode from Windsor, where I live, to the boarding stable at Wolfville, along the Old Coach Road. This is about 25 miles, much of it through hilly, wooded country. It took six and a half hours of riding over two days."

"A farmer in the province has two U.S. bred TWH mares, blacks, for sale for \$1000 each. Very unfortunately, he imported them without papers. The mares seem able to do

a running walk so I will approach a friend who runs a trail ride business about them."

"All the best to you in the West."

BRITISH COLUMBIA NEWS

From KIRK & SHEILA COBURN, PRINCE GEORGE, "I'm enclosing my renewal to the News. We didn't have a foal this year. Our mare aborted in the cold snap we had. Our thermometer goes to minus 50 Celcius and the needle was past that. It was some cold. Sure hope we don't get that again this year."

"We're off to the TWHABC Celebration in Quesnel this weekend. We always enjoy it. Hope the good weather holds."

ELIZABETH OLYNYK, WCTWC, SURREY, writes, "Our club was contacted by Megan Gilchrist of Duncan regarding a TWH stallion, Chief Justice Allen. He was imported from Montana to the Cypress Hills area of Sask/Alta. around 1938. They think he was the first TWH in Canada. The stallion was sold to the Cavins of Medicine Hat, Alta. at sometime. In honour of these relatives, the Gilchests would like to purchase horses from the Chief Justice Allen bloodlines. If anyone out there knows of any or can give us any help in this search, it would be greatly appreciated."

[Editor's Note: We featured Chief Justice Allen in our "Walk Into the Past" four years ago in WHN XI, #5, along with the info about his being the first TWH registered in the Canadian Stud and Herd Book as noted in Grant McEwan's book, Hoofprints and Hitching Posts. If you have any info about descendants of Chief Justice Allen, please write us and we'll pass it along.]

MICKEY CHAPMAN, PENTICTON, has a "bear story" for you. She writes, "Recently an excited neighbour drove in saying, "There's a bear up a tree in your pasture! Sure enough, there he was, all black and shiney. I assured the neighbour that I'd call a conservation officer or the R.C.M.P. Meanwhile our TWH, Beau, was snorting up a storm and racing up and down. I tried to lure him into his stall but to no avail. Can you imagine? He suddenly became very brave and gaited up

to the bear who had been meandering about and wandered into his pasture. Beau was dead set on challenging this interloper as he stood by another pine when the neighbourhood boxer dog treed the bear. Beau then retreated to his stall, none the worse for his would-be bear encounter. And the bear has been removed - twice - and was last seen in the Kettle Valley with orange and yellow paint adorning his rump."

"The day after this we attended the Interior Provincial Celebration at Armstrong. There were numerous breed demonstrations in the Agri-Plex. The TWH demonstration was exceedingly well choreographed. The nine horse and rider teams depicted the versatility of the TWH from the show horse to western pleasure to endurance riding, to name a few. The gentleness of the breed was demonstrated by a lady with her small grandchild riding pillion."

"The participants were extremely well turned out and really did more to promote the TWH breed in this area than has been done before. I know that for thirty years I've ridden in this predominantly QH & Arab encampment and endured the "What's that horse doing?" comments. I remember someone asking, "What's that? A camel?" as I glided along on Bell's Merry Legs, a tall grey who'd had a wirecut that caused an aberration in her gait."

"At the exhibition, people were oohing and ahing and believe me, they were impressed."

"HI, from JACKIE ROSE at 100 Mile House. I have been away and just realized that I do not receive my WHN so here is my cheque. I am still looking ... cont'd >



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From JOYCE PATTERSON, CAWSTON, "Summer's come and gone here at Cawston. The days are shortening up a lot, the mornings are much cooler and there's a wee nip in that north wind. Pretty well all the ranches have their last cut of hay off. September has been sunny and windy so it's been perfect weather for drying."

"We pleasure riders are sure taking advantage of these lovely sunny days too. I try to get out as much as I can. Had both Traylor and Merry C. shod last week and am using them a lot this month. Merry's finally starting to really relax and travel pretty good."

"Erika's been busy with the shows or endurance riding all summer so haven't seen much of her. She's been doing very well too. There will be a big endurance ride at Willow Brook around October 15. Hope the weather holds for it."

"Ronna and I took in the Armstrong Fair. It was very good with a large display of horses, including Walkers. Lots of cattle, pigs, sheep, etc. too, but the parking's terrible. You have to walk quite a piece to get into the fairgrounds."

"In July Joan and I visited Mary and Stan Strong in Republic, Washington. They have a lovely house and workshop where they are very busy making beautiful carts. Their little red roan, Maggie, is doing fine and has grown a lot since they bought her from me. She's half Walker and she and Traylor are related on the sire's side."

"On Wednesday Joan, Andrew and I enjoyed a lovely five hour ride up Fairview. The ponies were a little frisky at first as they'd had two days off but long before we reached the top of Fairview they were finding out which side their bread was buttered on. Nothing helps more than a few wet saddle blankets to get decent results from horses that are well fed like mine."

"Then on the 24th four of us had another lovely ride up Fairview to Madden Lake. We all had lunch and enjoyed the fall colours. By the time we returned the ponies had a good twenty miles on them. I added up the miles they've been ridden from Sept. 1 to 24 and Traylor has about

170 miles and Merry 80, which doesn't include the work she does in the field. She's actually starting to do pretty good; what I'd call well green broke now."

"Happy Trails this fall."

Joyce and Ponies

NEWS FROM OUR U.S. SUBSCRIBERS

From MARSHA WICKMAN, CONRAD, MT, "It was an interesting article on Silvertip-Rickey. I owned a daughter of the Rickey mare, Sago (Black Beauty II), named Beauty's Barbaree. She is no longer with us but we have her daughter, Beauty Easy but Breezie, who is part of our broodmare band. Breezie just had a beautiful black filly on June 14 by our stallion, Trace the Rise N Sun, that will be going to Arienne Baker in Medicine Hat, Alberta when she's weaned."

"In July we lost our old mare Trouble's Honey. Her dam was Rattles D. by the white stallion, Colonel D., out of Richardson's Honey Chile, both mentioned in the Rickey article. We have two fillies out of Honey. King Pin's Honey B. is two and Baron's Nut N Honey is a yearling."

"Our Threat's Supreme daughter, Threat's Lucy Bell, had a gorgeous colt on June 10 by Sonic's Red Baron. He looks just like Mama. Justy is a bay with three socks and a circle on his forehead. He has a super backend and really carries himself nicely."

"We've been very busy here with lots of company, travelling and of course, the horses. Thank you again to Arienne Baker for her purchase of Rise N Sun Desert Storm 91."

I had an interesting phone conversation from JEFF ROGOVIN, FREDERICK, PA, a while ago. Jeff and his wife, Ginny, have taken over Plantation Exclusive and transformed it into North American Walker, a glossy, professional looking magazine dedicated to the Plantation Tennessee Walking Horse. If you're interested in subscribing, their address is Box 365, Frederick, PA 19435 U.S.A. Rates are \$24/yr U.S. for Canadians.

GRACE LARSON, FORSYTH, MT writes, "Our two year old red roan filly, Haze's Amber Morning (Shaker's Satan x Emmy's Haze) placed first in the 2 Yr Old Halter class

at the Bozeman Gaited Horse Show. We were so pleased I phoned Pearl Tompkins the



good news and Pearl told me I deserved this honor. We are also expecting great things from Amber's full brother, Haze's Majestic Sun."

"Our two original Walkers have now grown to eight in two years. Lyle saw this beautiful black mare, Another Snip, Misty's half sister, so he bought her. I rode her in the Forsyth Competitive Ride on Aug. 31 and we covered the 15 mile Novice course within three minutes of the 2 1/2 hour time required. This was my first competitive ride and anyone who starts riding again when they are fifty plus needs a Walker! I wasn't a bit stiff or sore."

"As a girl, fifteen miles was all in a day's work for our Walkers. If I wanted to go to the show at Polson I'd ride the eight miles over the hill and across the flat, tie up my horse, watch the movie, and ride back by moonlight or in the dark. Snip and I will be ready for the 30 miler next year!"

"Our other Walkers include a buckskin mare, 31/32 TWH, that we've registered with the new Singlefoot Registry (C/o Barbara Bouray, Box 1079, Three Forks, MT 59752) and May's Copper Nutmeg, a fifteen year old TWH mare that goes back to Silvertip-Rickey, Black Beauty Allen and Buck LaMarr. Our seven year old granddaughter, Amber Czerwinski, had never ridden before this summer and she and Meggie went up mountain trails with Meggie carefully picking her way over the rocks and looking out for her young rider. And Amber seems to be a natural."

"We will have four foals in 1992. Fawn is bred to King Pin and Meggie, Lady and Haze are bred to Ebony's Mountain Trapper.

We are hoping for quality and color. King Pin goes back to Last Chance so Fawn's foal will again be special. We chose Delight's Sonny Boy last year since he was a grandson of both Midnight Sun and Merry Go Boy, and the foal, Fawn's Misty, shows this quality."

ALBERTA NEWS

From IRENE HUGHES, LLOYDMINSTER, "Enclosed is our renewal and also a picture of my husband, Ken, with his friend, King's Prairie Adam (Prairie Breeze x King's Falling Star); "Adam" for short. He goes very well on the cart, or cutter, and is also broke to ride. Ken is hoping to put Adam in combined driving classes."

"This spring many tears were shed as we lost our mare, King's Falling Star, due to an aneurism. Due to my own illness and blindness I've been unable to ride for the past three years, but I haven't given up hope."

At UPHILL FARM, EDSON, we are pleased to congratulate Charlie Becker of Calgary, the new owner of the pretty yearling filly, Uphill Marcelle, and his son, Graham, who bought the long striding two yr old gelding, Uphill Sonny Boy. We wish you all the best with these two promising young Walkers. Charlie also has a Walker that he bought from Johnstons at Drumheller.

We have also leased Sage King's Foxy Doll from McDonald Farms of Pouce Coupe. This pretty little mare, by Sage King, and old Doll O' the Mist's very last foal, is a full ... cont'd >



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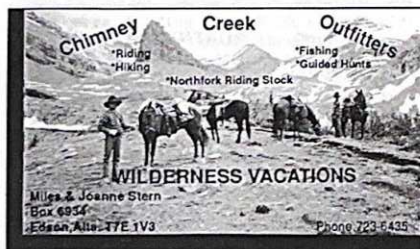
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sister to King's Stormy Mist. Foxy Doll, alias Minnie, reminds me of the horse of Mary O'Hara's novel, My Friend Flicka. She has that beautiful rich caramel body colour with a true flaxen mane and tail, along with a blaze and white hind socks. She will be keeping our stallion, Honey Boy's Rebel, company, as well as learning some of the basics of saddle work with Basil Manary.

We enjoyed a brief visit with the Reynolds of Kelowna. They showed me photos of their horses; they have a three year old palomino stallion bought as a weanling from Calta Stables that has grown into a very handsome fellow, and they still have some of the babies they bought from Chapmans at Stettler several years ago, now grown up saddle or brood mares. One of their daughters has been riding her Walker in youth classes and has been doing well. They had also recently been down to Lethbridge and with Art's brother, John, bought two Queen's Lil Joe fillies from the Hudsons. Art and Sandy were going to take in the Claresholm show on their way back home.

John Reynolds phoned a while ago, asking if I knew of any Hey Joe mares in Alberta or B.C. I don't know of any; the closest I can think of are granddaughters through Sage King or great granddaughters through Caribou's Spitfire. John is interested in that blood line, so if you know of any Hey Joe daughters, he'd like to hear from you. (604)932-3433

DIANNE LITTLE, CALGARY, said she met some ladies at the TWH booth at the Calgary Stampede who were asking her about some Walking Horses they remembered from quite a few years ago. These two mares,



"Kismet" and "Jewel" were well known trick horses on the rodeo circuits back then. Do any of you readers know anything about them? It sounds like there's a story there if we could unearth it.

MARIANNE WRAY, SUNDRE, writes, "We have decided we have too many animals around here! Just finished worming goats and trimming hooves and it's almost time to do the horses again. We have eleven Tennessee Walkers and 19 Angora goats. I'm in the thick of training two of the horses and also need to halterbreak the foals as they are entered in the Futurity. We are between shearings with the goats and summer is weather for dying and spinning mohair out on the deck. I'm knitting my eighth sweater this season and hope to make a few more before the Millarville Fair. However I still manage to go on the odd trail ride."

"Sheila Haines of Spruce Grove has recently purchased our palomino filly and we are very pleased that she plans to show her. We enjoyed meeting Sheila and introduced her to every horse on the place. It is so refreshing to have visitors who are actually familiar with the breed. Sheila looked so good riding the filly's dam, Summertime Blonde, that I wish I had taken some pictures. I would like to congratulate the filly, Maple Sugar Baby, for "walking" her way into such a good home."

"That leaves us with two colts, both by McLaren's Robert, a liver claybank out of Chiffon's Amber Dream, and a bay out of Calta Tinkerbelle."

From MARGARET GOSLING, CLARESHOLM, "It is hard to believe that a year has gone by since I sent in my first subscription to WHN. Threat's Lady Slipper is settled and happy, problems are being ironed out, and she is going nicely for me, but is not ready for Tennessee Showtime this year!"

JOAN ARYCHUK writes, "Hello again from Viking. I've had a great time this summer with the horses. I was in the group that went to the Tees Competitive Ride. That was a lot of fun! The weather was cool and damp, horses were at their best - or worst! and as Sheila said, twenty three miles didn't take too much effort."

"Renew my subscription to WHN; I'd be so lost without it."

"My husband and I took a trip to Vancouver via the Prince George route and stopped in at Kirk and Sheila Coburn's home for a few minutes. We saw their horses and had time for coffee and horse talk."

"Our foal call is one filly by Wainwright's Shadow out of Ginger O' the Mist and another filly by Midnight Toddy out of Glory's Ebony Wonder."

I talked to RANDY JOHNSON of SHERWOOD PARK at Red Deer. He says they've had a good year with the horses. The foal crop was great and all are sold but one filly. One has gone to Ontario and another to Oregon, I believe.

From ARIANNE BAKER, MEDICINE HAT, "It's renewal time so I thought I had better sit down and let everyone know that Misty River Ranches has become a reality. It has been a lot of hard work and we have a lot more hard work ahead of us, but the "family" had grown too large so we had to do something. We are located north of Medicine Hat by the Box Springs Rodeo Grounds, so if anyone is coming down this way, let us know."

"We now have nine Walking Horses, so I guess we are officially in business. Misty had a beautiful colt this year by F88's Merry Minstrel. He's a real knock-out. He's got all of his sire's markings, only finer, and he's such a big colt. Lexie and I are both impressed. His registered name is Misty's General Lee."

"We have two mares confirmed in foal to Shogun for next spring. These will be his first foals, out of the two mares we bought from M.&M. Walkers so we're pretty excited. Katie and Satten are beautiful ladies so we are anxiously awaiting next spring."

"We also just purchased a filly from M.&M. Walkers for a playmate for the General."

ALLAN CAMPBELL of FORT McMURRAY phoned a while ago. He has bought a big black mare from Matechuks at Cochrane, and has been doing a lot of bush riding. The two colts he bought from Youngs at Lac La Biche are now three, and started under saddle. Allan suggested that WHN include a map of where our advertisers are located. He has been promoting Walkers around Fort McMurray to try to get someone to ride with! and would like to know where

some of these places are.

From WINDI SCOTT, STONY PLAIN, "Please renew my subscription - best reading around!"

"I'm down to six Walkers, all the same beautiful blacks with white stars. There are four mares and two geldings in the family, and hopefully all will get to a parade someday. I'm wanting to drive them six up. Wouldn't that be something? For now we just drive two of them and five are broke to ride."

"Went to the CNGHS show in Langley just long enough to see the breed demos. Sure loved the reining horse from Mt. Vernon, Wash. Walkers can do it all. The show seemed to be very well organized and professional, and everyone was having fun. Three cheers to Rosemary, Clem and Jason Jordan for travelling all the way from Millet to show their horses. Only ones from Alberta. The rest of us missed a great show. Our loss."

DONNA EDWARDS & her husband, from WHITECOURT, dropped in for a few minutes last week looking for info on Walkers. Donna recently bought the four year old gelding, Shadow's Koko Boy, from Jim Tyschuk. She and her husband are well pleased with this young horse's gentle disposition and smooth fast gaits.

LES & JUDY YOUNG, LAC LA BICHE, sent in their renewal along with a gift subscription for Bucky and Betty Ann Sprowl of Kinuso. They write, "Bucky and Betty Ann have purchased our old stallion, the blue roan Pride's Blue Mist, who is now a gelding, and two of our two year old geldings."

"We have a fine crop of new foals again this year. We have ... cont'd >



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an over abundance of young stallions with a carry over of four from last year and four new ones this year! We have a beautiful palomino, a sorrel, a black and a red black with a rust mane and red and white tail, and all will be for sale in October at weaning time."

RON & PAT BANNISTER, MIRROR, write, "It's always a delight to open the mailbox and find the latest edition of Walking Horse News. So here's our news!"

"As of May 4/91, we had our first very own filly, a bay by Tim's Blue Canadian out of Chapie's Bay Doll. She's a real sweet-pea! We're so delighted we've even named the farm "Walkaway Ranch". So fittingly enough, we've named the foal Walkaway Carlee."

"But not all has been wonderful. On May 19 Chapie's Sassy Doll had a real flashy stud colt, sorrel with blaze and four white knee socks, that for some unknown reason lived only four days. We were very disappointed as we had great future plans for the young fella."

"In May we got Tim's Blue Canadian, who has been recently gelded. Ron has been training him and he's coming beautifully. In fact, he turned quite a few heads at the Bentley Poker Rally in June. He and Ron, along with Elaine and Ron Gray and their TWH, ate up the trail with people commenting as they passed by, "What the heck are you riding?" Proudly they all did a little P.R. work for the TWH breed!"

"Congratulations to Ron Gray on your recent purchase of a "ride with style". Ron is the new owner of Ace, a 15/16 TWH gelding. We knew we'd get you hooked sooner or later!"

I received a note from GEORGE LOZINSKI of DRUMHELLER who writes, "My wife and I are planning to start a small ranch and raise horses on a small scale. We would like to get all the information we can on raising and breeding horses, the dos and don'ts, etc. We have been trying to get a video tape but no luck." I referred George to Alberta Agriculture's Horse Branch library of videos and films. There is a wealth of material there for anyone in Alberta who wants to learn about horses.

STONE VALLEY WALKERS, ALIX would like to congratulate Dave & Pam Gunderson of Cremona, AB. on their purchase of Tyla

Shanook. Dave & Pam used to own He'za Walker and were really pleased to find a big, black grandson of the old stallion that they can train for their ranch work.

From RUSS DAVIES, DUFFIELD, "We went to Mesa Butte rec area for four days and then over to Blue Rock area. The trails were drying up and were pretty good when we got there. Then it was home for a day so Rose could wash the smoke out of our clothes and then we were gone again."

"This time we went as riders on the wagon ride at Lindbergh, east of St. Paul. It went north and east and ended up at Muriel Lake, ten miles south of Bonnyville. We then returned a different way to a country hall I'd been to many times as a teenager. They had a barbeque and dance after and I saw a lot of old friends and made some new ones."

"There was one other Walker on the ride too. What a horse! A little girl of about eight rode him, and he went exactly where she wanted."

"Breeze and Nugget went north to their old home as Steve Short and Laverne Lundgard and co. bought them. As of now we only have Pride to ride, so I've been spending a little time on Lady, the two year old. Guess Lady will have to haul hay this winter."

I talked to JACK & MARGARET GURNETT, RIMBEY, at Red Deer and they report that the last foal of the season arrived safely, a sorrel filly trimmed in white, by Kary's Jeepers out of Something Special H., their 24 yr old Chief O' Chiefs daughter. They would like to congratulate the Domkes of Calgary on their purchase of two good geldings, He'za Walkin Son and Shake 'N Bear It, and have sent them a complimentary subscription to WHN.

Best wishes to HELEN WILLIAMSON of CALGARY who had a hip replacement operation on October 4. We wish you a speedy recovery and hope you'll soon be riding again.

A phone call from SHEILA REUM, RYLEY, announced the arrival of a new stallion at their place. "Ringside Gossip" is a four year old, chestnut/white Tobiano (50% color) and he has sired all colored foals so far. Purchased from Joan Krumm, Illinois, he stands 15.1hh barefoot and will be standing at stud next season in the Camrose area. see ad. in Spring Issue.

FOR SALE : MOUNTAIN FAWN'S MISTY DELIGHT

MISTY is a dark chestnut roan with a star & one white sock & a touch of white on her front foot. Her mother is a blue roan with lots of white.

On the dam's side there is a buckskin (LaMarr breeding), a white stallion, a palomino, Silvertip-Rickey & Black Beauty Allen. Misty's deceased sire was black.

MISTY oversteps 12 to 18 inches, she trailer loads with ease, is halter broke, all 4 feet can be handled, her disposition is gentle, she is smart, and she's only 4 months. She is the granddaughter of champions with the conformation & ability to be a champion.

MISTY is weaned and ready to go to her new home. We are asking a firm \$1500 for Misty. Delivery extra. Video available upon request to serious buyers, \$10 refundable deposit.



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LUCKYS KOKO PRINCE - A 20 YEAR TRIBUTE

by Bill Howes

In 1947, ZEPHYRS GOLD RAMBLER #482616 [* see note], a son of ALLEN'S GOLD ZEPHYR, was brought to the farm of Helen and David Morris in Whitefish, Montana, on a rail car. He was bought from Fisher's Palomino Farms in Souderton, Pennsylvania. The price was 700 U.S. dollars.

Fisher's Palomino Farms was a horse facility specializing in the breeding and selling of palomino horses of all breeds and types. ALLEN'S GOLD ZEPHYR #431975 was purchased from Fishers by Roy Rogers as his second trick horse, TRIGGER JUNIOR. (There is quite extensive information on this in "History of Yellow Horses" in the January, 1991 issue of Voice magazine.)

The Morris' of Whitefish bred ZEPHYR'S GOLD RAMBLER to SHAMROCK GLORY BROOK #483117 to produce RAMBLER'S LUCKY SOCKS #610195. My wife, Jan, and I visited Helen and David Morris in 1982 and saw this great old chestnut stallion.

RAMBLER'S LUCKY SOCKS was then bred to SUNDOWN LAMARR #540634 to produce LUCKYS KOKO PRINCE #713971, the subject of this story. KOKO left Montana and travelled to B.C. and then to Ponoka, Alberta to the farm of Michael B. Carter. Here we, the Howes, bred a part Arab mare to him around 1975.

Upon returning to his court the following year, we found that he had been

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	TOPSY BARKER 004385
	MAJOR ALLEN 350059
	PAL BROOKS 391185
SHAMROCK GLORY BROOK 483117	DOCTOR BROOKS IV 390198
THORNTON'S GLAMOUR 411255	ALLEN'S LOVELY QUEEN 411255
LUCKYS KOKO PRINCE 713971	LAST CHANCE 350034
	NELLIE ESSAY 370016
TROUBLE 370306	LAST CHANCE JR. 390091
SILVERTIP-RICKEY 473752	FLAY ALLEN 390438
STROLLING BEAUTY A 730198	ROSE BUD ALLEN 350001
SUNDOWN LAMARR 540634	BLACK BEAUTY ALLEN 440890
	BILLIE-GENE 350163
MOSS' BROWNIE 401399	LADY LA MARR 440848
MARGARET LA MARR 440480	
PATTY LA MARR 380012	

sold at auction. We arrived at his new home to find him in a sorry situation. My desire to own him, plus my wife's sympathy for both the horse and myself, contrived to influence the decision, and Koko became our property in 1976.

We owned, showed and loved that old horse for eleven years here at Walking Horse Junction. (No doubt there was also a time or two when I may have wanted to "do him in" but Koko was too stubborn and too intelligent for me to overcome.) He was a master at opening gates, untying ropes, opening feed hopper slides and reaching the "impossible to get at" feed

pails.

Koko was a great ambassador for our breed in the Edmonton area during that time. Prior to and during the formation of the Yellowhead Walking Horse Association in 1979, many demonstrations were given around Alberta before we finally got some TWH classes at the Lloydminster Fair. We were very honored when several people travelled all the way from Dawson Creek, B.C. to help promote our breed there the following year.

Until the arrival in the west Edmonton area in 1978 of BIG SKY TROUBLE BOY #677635 and later, H.D.'s BIG STAR

#751130, owned by Andy McKinnon, Koko was one of a very few TWH stallions in the Edmonton region, and indeed, in all of Alberta.

Koko could and would do a good running walk but under saddle actually seemed to prefer to go at the rack. It was interesting to watch him during the breeding season, trotting one way down the fence and run-walking or racking back. I could count on one hand the times when he actually went into a real, pulling from the shoulders, reaching from behind, head-nodding run-walk under saddle. I didn't know how to make him keep doing it; all I knew was the tremendously good feeling it gave me when it happened.

KOKO'S history here at Walking Horse Junction is represented by one five year old solid bay filly out of ZEPHER'S THIRD LADY S. That gives her ALLEN'S GOLD ZEPHYR at the top right of her pedigree and ZEPHER'S STROLLER F., one generation down from Allen's Gold Zephyr, at the bottom right.

Walking Horse Junction would like to commend Dixie and Dan Verstraete of Bentley for reviving this fine old



1989 photo, courtesy of Dixie Verstraete

stallion who this year turned twenty years old. In 1991 he has, potentially, 17 foals coming. We wish the Verstraetes every continued success with LUCKYS KOKO PRINCE in the years to come.

* Author's note: The first two numbers in the pedigree did not, at that time in our breed's history, necessarily represent the year foaled as they do now.

CANADIAN REGISTRY

Effective immediately, the national association for the TWH in Canada will now be known as

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The new name has been approved by Agriculture Canada and will be seen on all the papers concerned with registration of pure bred animals.

There may be some delay in printing new stationery, registration application forms, etc. etc. but we hope that the new name will be totally in use by the beginning of 1992.

Membership / Registration - Application Forms and Transfers are always available on request from Canadian Livestock Records Corporation, 2417 Holly Lane, Ottawa, ON. K1V 7P2.

CENTRAL ALBERTA TRAIL RIDE

We had a really good turnout for the ride at Bentley, September 21/22 - ten Tennessee Walking Horses, three half-breds and 2 "others" .. all mounted of course!

The weather wasn't too good but the morale was high, and the ride over the big Bentley hills went well. Everyone was back in camp by the time a tremendous hail storm hit the area on Saturday afternoon, but we lit the fire, and roasted the corn and slipped all over the place, and just had a good time!

The winners of the free draw were: Margaret Gurnett (brush), Ron Bannister (brush), Ron Ball (hoofpick), Elaine Gray (hoofpick), Mary Henderson (hoofpick)

Some went home Saturday night, and some hardy souls went out again on Sunday, and I hear it was a little warmer the next day, although still mighty slippery.

A Big Thank You to our hosts, Dan & Dixie Verstraete, who'd like to make this ride an annual event for this area.

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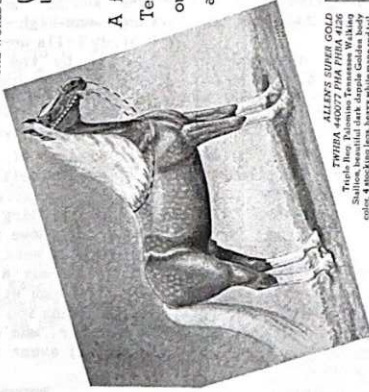
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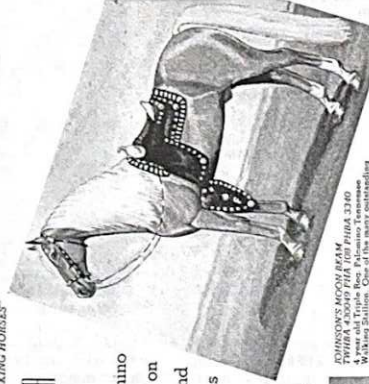
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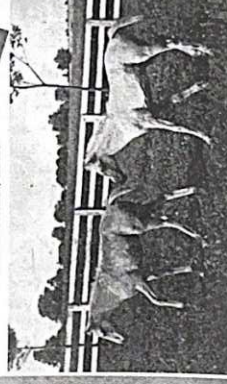
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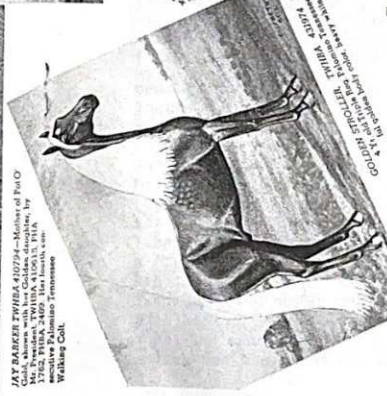
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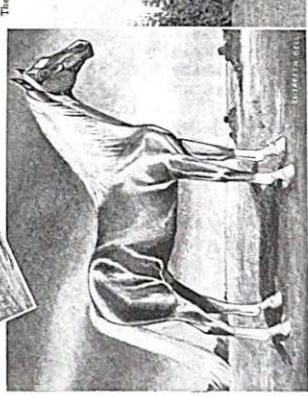
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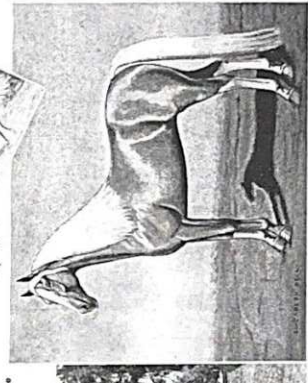
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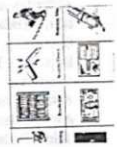


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THE GREAT NORTHERN TWH TRIP

by Marjorie C. Lacy

Towards the end of August, Jo Kingsland, Caye Marshall and I set out on a trip north to Lac La Biche, Athabasca, Slave Lake, Peace River, Grimshaw, Dawson Creek, and home via Grande Prairie to Edson, Red Deer and Alix. We felt it was time to test Steve Short's theory that the reason no one from Calgary or central Alberta in general travels north up into the Peace area is that they think the miles going north are twice as long as the miles going south.

So with this in mind we left Red Deer Tuesday morning and drove up to Lac La Biche where we followed Les Young's directions and found ourselves at a beautiful site just off the shores of Square Lake.

Les and Judy have set up a beautiful home and grounds overlooking the lake. They greeted us warmly, fed us a delicious supper with all their own garden-fresh vegies, and showed us all the Walkers; they have quite a large herd now. Their

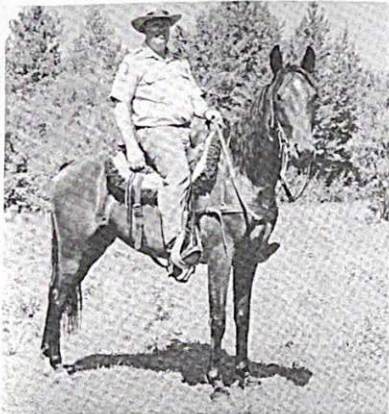


Colorful yearlings at Lac La Biche

stallion is Super's Cadillac DeVille, a well marked chestnut sorrel with white mane and tail. Among the brood mares we recognized Beauty's Black Beauty, a daughter of old Sago (Black Beauty II); My Misty Blue and her unmistakable blue roan family; Tennessee Treasure, a palomino by Uphill Golden Laddie; and a full sister to Calta Midnite Victry named Calta Onyx Beauty. Five of the mares had '91 foals and the Youngs also have a good selection of yearlings and one two year old for sale.

Next day we arrived at Grant and Carol Kihn's place and met Grant just as he came home for lunch. Grant is a park ranger at Slave Lake Provincial Park, and

even manages to use his Walkers on patrol once in a while. Once again we were treated to a great meal and then went out to see the horses. I was interested to see Grant's mare, Uphill Firefly, that we sold to him as a weanling. She's a big strong chestnut, and had her almost white roan yearling daughter with her. Jo was interested to see how Eb's Movin' Poppy has come along in the time Grant has been training her. He got her from Jo last spring and she really is a nicely gaited, "movin'" little mare.



3 yr old, Eb's Movin' Poppy at Slave Lake

From Kihn's we travelled on to Kinuso to try to find Shandy Maestro, a son of Jo's mare, Candy, that she'd sold as a two year old. We tracked him down with his new owner, an RCMP officer who has just bought a place in the country and is delighted with the big smooth moving gelding.

Then it was on to Grimshaw for the night where we looked up Jo's friends, Jan, Kimberley and Scott Pimm. We had a chance to see Jan's beautiful matched black TWH, a mare and a gelding, next morning - after we had located the rascals! The wily old Appaloosa had found a weak place in the fence and had gotten

out with the TWH gelding close behind. Luckily they'd had their adventure and come back to the other two horses, where we eventually found them in the adjacent alfalfa field.



Jan catches her gelding, while her mare looks on with glee!

Jan decided to play hookey and come along so the four of us headed south and west to Dawson Creek and McDonald Farms. We had been bowling merrily along in Jo's air-conditioned van without realizing how hot it was outside. When we arrived at Don and Jo-Anne's place, it was a bit of a shock to realize how hot it actually was. Nothing like going up north to get some summer heat and sunshine!

Don and Jo-Anne introduced us to the stallion line-up, Go Boy's Crown Royal, Dressed for Success, Monterey Captain, and Misty Dark Delite. We were pleased to see old Sage King still looking fit and happy at 31 years old. When we visited the brood mares, Jo was especially interested to see Candy's dam, 21-yr-old Cap's Candy Striper, with her '91 baby at side. This mare has been quite a producer - around 16 foals to her credit. There are a bunch of nice '91 babies at McDonald Farm too.

Jayne Walker came over and we enjoyed a delicious cold supper together before

BREAKING VELVET'S DOMINOE

by Debbie Thompson

VELVET'S DOMINOE, "Ebony", was born on the first day of spring, March 21, 1988. He was foaled at 3:00 p.m. and was so black he looked blue. I had never seen such pretty four white socks before, and boy! could he bounce them high in the air!

heading off to Fort St. John. McDonalds had a 3 yr old mare there for training with Lea Berge and were taking up some more hay. Then we went over to Charlie Lake to see if we could find Uphill Golden Laddie, a horse I sold as a weanling to Wynn Armstrong about 13 years ago. We arrived just as he was being put back in his pasture after a ride. A little girl of around ten rides him - and yes, he's still a stallion.

We crowded a lot into our time there but too soon we had to leave. Jo had to be home by Saturday and it was my last fling before going back to work too.

On our drive home we stopped in Grande Prairie and visited with Steve Short to go over our findings on his theory. Steve is living at the greatest horse set up - a big beautiful barn, indoor arena, lots of paddocks and pasture space - no wonder he's been buying more horses! We saw Red and Lad, his pair of good looking Lundgard geldings there, and then, having taken up enough of Steve's time to prevent his leaving for the show at Calgary that afternoon, we were on our way to Edson.

A big thank-you to all the folks who were so friendly and hospitable. We really enjoyed meeting you and seeing your horses. We're just sorry there wasn't time to stop and visit the many other Walking Horse people we know up north.

Oh, and about that theory - no, the miles ARE NOT longer going north. You won't regret travelling up in the beautiful, varied northern landscapes of Alberta and B.C. and you'll definitely find a lot of very good Walking Horses up there!

(I still wonder if he thinks he is a Lipizzaner.) The soonest I could view the little foal was when he was three hours old, and I just fell in love.

Ebony was never hard to handle, even from birth. He was ... cont'd >

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always curious (a sometimes annoying habit) and was never afraid to try anything at least once. After he was gelded at four months, I took him home and ground training and ponying began. I entered him in the 1988 and 1989 West Coast Tennessee Walker Club shows, and he placed second in the Futurity both years and also did well in halter classes.

I remember Jack Wheat, my farrier, telling me to bang on Ebony's feet with a stick when I picked them up so it would make his life easier when the first set of shoes was put on. Wouldn't you know it, but when the time came for Jack to put Ebony's first shoes on, there were absolutely no problems. I love little secrets like that for training. Like putting molasses on the bit so the horse will learn to accept it easily (and hot darn, if it didn't work like a charm). I don't really call that bribery; it's just a little shortcut. Now, if we could only disguise that wormer paste as something remotely edible, I'd be home free!

Never having broke a horse, or even trained one, I was at a loss once Ebony turned three. It seemed to me that in order to have a safe, reliable trail horse, I would have to have Ebony trained by people that knew what they were doing. So, on his third birthday, I sent him away to be saddle broke and worked. (I didn't know this yet, but I was going to be the one in real need of training!)

Ebony started off by going back to his birth place, Tower Ridge Farm. There Debbie and Dave Smith did a fine job of green breaking him. Saddles, blankets, bits, bridles, all were brought on in a gentle, calm manner, never scaring or

hindering him. He was taken on the road, into Allico Park, up mountains and across rivers. He was exposed to a wide range of things for a three year old and it was a great learning experience for him.

After two months of this initial training, it was time for me to get some help. Ebony was moved to Kinney Farm owned by John Kinney, for another two months of training. There Ebony and I were trained by Debbie Murray and believe you me, only half the job has anything to do with the horse!

I guess I've been lucky, owning an older horse like Kozie (Koziousco, 23 yr old Pinto). It's amazing how the first horse you own can make such a lasting impression on how you look at riding. Kozie is so relaxed and level headed that he reminds me of an old milk horse! I truly believe that if I'd had any other horse to start with, I just might not be into horses today, nor would I have had the courage to buy a baby and start from the ground and work my way up. Kozie taught me how to ride and has been taking care of me ever since.

At the Kinney Farm, Ebony had lots to look at and lots of friends to be with. Workouts with Debbie Murray ranged from simple maneuvers like going forward and backing up to side passing and trail riding. But, this time, I was in the saddle. For anyone who has never ridden a baby or a horse just being trained, it is quite the experience. Their movements are often quick and unsure, and you have to be ready for anything. The training sessions were never boring and I always walked away with a feeling of accomplishment. I think I got just as tired and frustrated as Ebony sometimes did, but Debbie's patience never frayed and her support was always there for us to rely on.

To this day Ebony has kept his gentle, babylike kindness, along with the personality of a real gentleman. Don't get me wrong - he still likes to pull those quick, surprising lateral movements out on the trail, just to show me he is still a three year old, but when you ask him to work, he gives his all.

On July 1st, 1991, Ebony will come home to rediscover his friend and pal, Kozie. I think that what he has learned over the past four months has been of the

utmost importance to his maturity and development, not to mention what it has done for me! I only hope that, if anyone has a baby to break, they have people who will give it the attention and care that Ebony's had. Debbie will be coming up to the farm for our further training and to help me along with "bomb proofing" Ebony.

The next thirty years are up to us, and I hope Ebony and I will get through them with problems few and far between. Starting off with a weanling foal,

bringing him up, breaking and training him into a calm, safe, trail horse is quite a task, but if you have patience, understanding, affection, the right people and plenty of love, you are already well on your way!

VELVET'S DOMINOE

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TWHBEA MEMOS by Marjorie C. Lacy

I hope everyone remembered to get their stallion reports filled out and mailed so as to be postmarked on or before October 1.

I have had a half dozen or so comments on the TWHBEA's proposed blood typing of all foals as of January 1, 1993. No one has any objection to the blood typing; it's the expense that is worrying most people.

I'll publish a report on your responses in the next issue. If you haven't written to me or to TWHBEA, there's still time.

TWHBEA, Box 286, Lewisburg, TN 37091 U.S.A. (Att'n: Blood typing)

DUSTY FILES

Ten years ago in WHN the TWH Clinic & Display of Oct. 17/81 at Grant McEwan Equine Centre in Edmonton was reported to be a success. Six stallions were displayed, Diane Meis and Dr. Bob Jones made interesting and informative presentations and over thirty people registered.

Jo-Anne McDonald wrote that the Walker owners up in the Peace area were invited to put on a Water Glass and Southern Belle demonstration in conjunction with the R.C.M.P. Musical Ride. Walkers couldn't be in any better company!

I met the Hack family of Calgary at the Lloydminster Fair. They had Miss Boots A Walking there, and at home they had Bell's Little Beauty with her black weanling filly, yearling black colt with a star, and a black two year old with a sock, all by Midnite Jester, and a four year old chestnut mare by He'za Walker. They also own Cinnamon Sunday and her yearling filly by Pleasure's Spirit.

Nona Bonertz of Pincher Creek reported buying a two year old filly from Ethna Friesen in Montana. "Diamond Lil" (by The Going Thing by Merry Go Midnite) is dark

brown and nearly 16 hands already!


The advertisers were Millers of Rhame, N.D.; Lexie Cole with two weanling colts; Phillip Grinder of Clinton, B.C. advertising a stallion, Walton's Trouble (Queen's Lil Joe x Fairy Breese); Carole Nipshank, Edmonton; Russ & Rose Davies, Duffield advertising a buckskin TWH mare; Leonard Eliason, Deer Lodge, MT; Mrs. Alex Patterson; Marjorie Fabro; Milo Leithead; and Irene Thomas.

The results of the TWH classes at Lloydminster were given, with Ebony's Dakota Duchess owned by Janet Keith of Saskatoon winning first place in two of the five classes. <>

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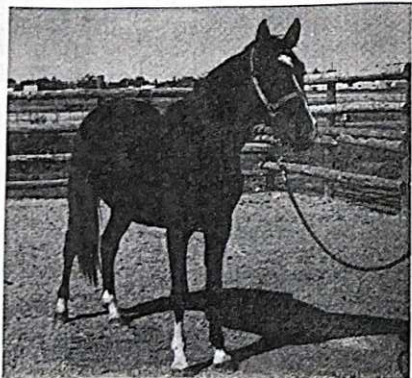


Pictured at one month. (We're both three months now.)

Hi! My name is JUST LIKE MAMA, because that's the first thing my owner said when she saw me. I'm a very friendly colt. I love everyone! My owner has a young man that comes to help her, and he plays with me and the others. She also has a granddaughter that plays with us. Mom says that I can really walk, but that's what I was bred for!! My dad is SONIC'S RED BARON. Mom said that dad was 3 times Champion Sire and 3 times Grand Champion. Impressive!

This is my full sister RYTHM. She's gorgeous! She has done quite well on the show circuit-just like dad. She's two and a half now and is ready to be trained. Mom says we're both FOR SALE.

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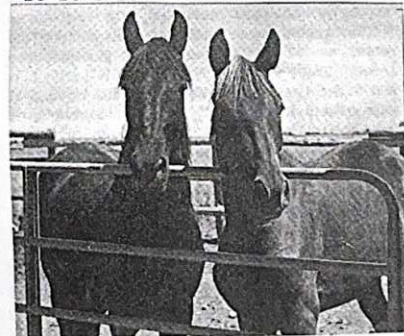
STANDING AT STUD:
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Pictured at 2 Years

Form with pedigree information for Trace the Rise n Sun, including sire and dam details.

SO SO'S SO-D KING PINS HONEY B



My name is SO-D. I'm a big, black gelding. My mom says I'm quite handsome! By the time this ad is out, I will have been at the trainer and home waiting for a new owner. They say I'm FOR SALE.

Form with pedigree information for Barons Nut n Honey (1 Yr.), including sire and dam details.

BARONS NUT N HONEY (1 Yr.)



My name is NUT N HONEY. I'm not going to be very big, but mom (TROUBLES HONEY) told me before she died that "Good things come in small packages!" That's me-just look. But how could I go wrong. JUSTY and RYTHM are my half brother and sister on dad's side, and HONEY B is my half sister on mom's side. Nice looking family, huh! I'M FOR SALE.

Form with pedigree information for So So's So-D and King Pins Honey B, including sire and dam details.

THE GENETICS OF GAIT

by Eldon Eadie

There are only two gene pairs that produce all of the different gaits that are in existence. They are the Trot/Pace pair and a Gait gene pair that acts always as a main gene and sometimes as a modifying gene in a similar manner to the dilution gene that produces the palomino color. The modifier (Gait genes) produces gait by changing the patterns of dominance and the way that the trot and pace genes interact. Each foal receives one of the trot/pace pair of genes from each parent. It will also receive a gait gene in varying degrees of intensity.

The trot/pace pair are the easiest to understand so we will talk about them first. They belong to a class of genes called Qualitative genes. They regulate the quality or kind of characteristic in the offspring. The best known qualitative gene pair in horses is the black/sorrel genes that produce color. These genes have a dominant/recessive relationship where black is dominant over sorrel. There are only three ways that qualitative genes can combine - black/black, black/sorrel, or sorrel/sorrel. Since the sorrel gene is recessive, only the double sorrel horse will be sorrel in color. The black/sorrel will be a pure black and you will not know that it has a sorrel gene unless it produces a sorrel offspring when bred to a sorrel horse. The recessive genes can remain hidden for many generations before they reappear in a foal. The trot/pace gene pair act in a similar but not identical manner in a completely ungaited horse. The trot is dominant over the pace. you will never see a double trot horse pacing. A trot/pace horse will have a strong predisposition to trot but will sometimes pace, usually as a foal. A pace/pace horse will have a strong predisposition to pace but will almost always trot as a yearling and even as an adult will occasionally trot or fox-trot.

Now, so far this is fairly simple. When a horse has one or two strong gait genes the result is much more complex. Gait genes belong to a class of genes that are sometimes called Poly genes. Poly genes regulate the amount or strength of a characteristic. These genes produce such things as height, length, size, milking ability, speed, rate of hoof growth and so on. The characteristics produced by Poly

genes are always evident in every individual of the species, but in different amounts. Let's take height for an example. Each horse has two height genes but there may be as many as a hundred different height genes in the equine species. If you breed a tall horse to a short horse, let's say a 14 hand horse to a 17 hand horse there are a number of different heights that you may produce. It works like this. The short horse may have one gene producing 6 hands of height and one producing 8 hands. The tall horse may have one gene for 10 hands and one for 7 hands. The offspring will be either 13, 15, 16, or 18 hands high, depending on which gene it receives from each parent. (This assumes that there are no environmental or developmental factors in height and also oversimplifies the genetics of height but is given here as an illustration only.)

The gait genes are a complex type of poly gene. The main function of the gait genes in horses is to produce the basic walk. All horses have them in some different amount. In ungaited horses they are so weak that they do not change the trot/pace pair. In gaited horses the Walk genes (Gait genes) are strong enough to interfere (modify) and the result is spectacular, producing a wide range of different Gaits. There is only one "kind" of gait gene, but there may be as many as one hundred different "strengths" of gait genes. Each different "strength" of gait combined with the three different trot/pace "kinds" of gait produce the variations of gait we see in the gaited horse breeds. Since the strength of the two gait genes are added together to determine the amount of gait in any individual, you need a strong gait from both parents to produce a properly gaited horse. The strongest gait from only one parent will only get you half way there. The horse with the strongest gait genes will be the one that can maintain an even gait at the highest speed for its Trot/Pace type. The only valid test of the strength of gait genes is with barefoot horses that have all received the same basic training, etc. This is an important concept. My Great-grandfather spent the last 30 years of his life looking for patterns of dominance between the different variations of gait. He died long before I was born but as a child I picked up his dream and have now spent over 30 years doing the same thing. It just is not there, and it has been proven many

thousands of times by crossing different gaited breeds and by crossing different variations of gait within the same breed.

Now let's look at the different combinations of Trot/pace | Gait/gait genes. To keep it as simple as possible we will just call the Gait gene pair the modifying factor (or modifier). Later on we will get hopelessly technical about this and use a different set of symbols but for now we will just use the symbol (M) for a strong modifier, (m) for a weak modifier, and (o) for no modifier. The symbol for the Trot gene will be (T) and pace will be (p).

Remember that gait is also influenced by other factors than genetics, most notably conformation, training, shoeing, temperament, condition, lameness, injury, and about another dozen or more. This discussion will be based on the genetics of gait only.

TYPE ONE (TTo)

- Double trot with no modifier

This is one of the most common genetic types in existence. The horse will do nothing but the trot and will likely break into a trot at a slow rate of speed. The basic walk of this horse will be slow and stiff with tight short strides and very little articulation or flexing. Shoulder movement will be very limited. (Rough gaited at the trot.)

TYPE TWO (TTm)

-Double trot with a weak modifier

This is the fast walker of the trotting breeds. This horse will drift fairly quickly to a fox-trot and then a two beat trot. It will not show much head nod at the fox-trot. The fox-trot may be so close to a trot that you need slow motion video to tell that it is four beat. The modifier may be more common in the trotting breeds than we realize. (Smooth gaited long striding flat walker - strong trotter)

TYPE THREE (TTM)

-Double trot with a strong modifier

This horse will do an extended walk, a good running walk of moderate speed, a rack, a fast four beat Fox-trot, and a two beat trot and nothing else. The fox-trot will show a jerky kind of head nod. You will never see this horse pace even as a newborn foal. This horse will be an athletic good moving horse but very obviously a trotter. With a lot of training it is possible to move the flat walk up into the

range of the running walk but the horse will always break to a trot at high speed. Shoeing for the running walk does not work very well because you have to put heavy shoes on the back and this creates too much lift in the hind - too much hock action. (Smooth gaited at all gaits including the two beat trot. Well, let's say relatively smooth two beat trot!)

The five gaited American Saddlebred is a type three and deserves mention here. The pace gene has been completely eliminated from the Saddlebred and the claim is made that the slow gait and rack are not natural gaits of the breed, but are the result of training. Training alone could never produce the rack of the Saddlebred but without training the double trot - strong gait horse may never display that gait. It has a strong predisposition to trot and if just allowed to trot it will never develop an intermediate four beat gait of any kind. The double pace - strong gait horse is the same. Conformation and temperament change the way that gait genes work and this is especially evident in the Saddlebred.

TYPE FOUR (Tpo)

-Trot/pace with no modifier

This is the ideal horse for the Standardbred when both gaits are required. It will either trot or pace and never do an intermediate gait except flat walk. Without training it will likely develop a preference for the trot but will do either gait with ease. It will break into two beat gaits at a fairly slow speed. Makes a poor big lick horse because, even though it can pace, it trots too readily. You very seldom get a horse with two weak walk genes in the gaited horse breeds.

TYPE FIVE (Tpm)

-Trot/pace with weak modifier

This is a dual gaited horse, common ... cont'd>

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Genetics cont'd ...

in the Tennessee Walking Horse breed, but difficult to identify because training will mask the gait so easily. At moderate speed this horse will drift to a fox-trot or a stepping pace. With patience this horse is capable of a very good running walk. This is the type that must be started in training by flat walking. You fully develop the flat walk (taking months of work if necessary) before you ask for speed. Then you begin to extend that flat walk up into the range of the running walk. As soon as the horse drifts you correct it. Eventually you will have a good quality walking horse but never one that can compete at speed. Speed is the acid test of the genetics of gait. Actually type three and type nine are trained the same way if lite shod.

TYPE SIX (TpM)

-Trot/pace with strong modifier

IN MY OPINION this is the ideal Tennessee Walking Horse. As a foal this horse will either trot or pace and even as an adult will continue to do so when in the pasture. May experience some difficulty in sorting the gaits out when first put into training but soon becomes a horse that can easily hold an even gait at speed. Because of this it is easy to push the horse into an extended running walk to develop length of stride and overstride while still maintaining head nod without heavy shoes. When pushed at extreme speed this horse will break into a canter. It may drift a little to the pace or the trot but not enough to be detected without slow motion video. The great horses from Midnight Sun and back were this type. The type six horse will be an athletic loose moving well balanced horse, but it should also be noted that the ideal gaited horse will have excellent conformation and temperament etc. Just producing a type six does not mean automatic show quality. These horses may not even display much gait until training begins. Midnight Sun did not gait well until he was a four year old but once he got it together he was spectacular as a lite-shod horse.

TYPE SEVEN (ppo)

-Double pace with no modifier

A hard pacer. Never trots except maybe a stumble as a foal. A horse that can pace while grazing. Moves stiffly. It cannot be made to nod properly even with pads, weights, shoes, chemicals, training or alligator clips.

TYPE EIGHT (ppm)

-Double pace with weak modifier

The ideal big lick horse. This horse holds the flat walk better than type seven and will not show the sharp transition to pace, but rather a fairly quick drift thru' the stepping pace and then to hard pace. This horse can be made to trot with extreme methods so artificial devices have to be a little more subtle than some of those used by the oldtimers. It can also be used as a heavy shod plantation horse but a bit stronger modifier is better.

TYPE NINE (ppM)

-Double pace with strong modifier

The ideal heavy shod plantation horse. This horse will sometimes do a trot in the pasture but seldom as an adult and very rarely under saddle. Almost always will show some ability to trot as a yearling. Even the Peruvian horse that has been bred to pace for centuries will usually show some trot as a youngster. Squares up well with heavy shoes. This horse can even make a good lite shod running walk with a lot of training but can never handle speed without heavy shoes. Left barefoot this horse will only have moderate head nod and become very rucky at average speeds. If you want to promote this type as an ideal walker you either have to go to heavy shoes or start a strong movement among TWH owners to discredit the value of speed in the running walk.

This has been an attempt to lay out some simple categories of gait but in reality there are many more variations and the borderline between types is by no means distinct. Often the only way to tell which type of horse you have is to breed to a known type several times and classify the offspring. One of the most common variations is in the outcross to a non-gaited breed (one very strong gait gene and one very weak one). There are another half dozen types from this, none of them properly gaited. Gait, conformation and disposition are so interdependent that it would be foolish to even try to explain the different results of different combinations. Any attempt to categorize such as this will ultimately fall short of reality but it is useful as a tool in breeding for gait and gives a basic understanding of some of the problems and complexities involved.

NEXT ISSUE: Answers, Answers, Answers

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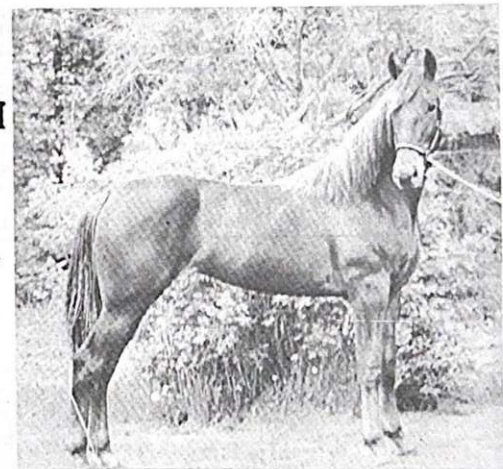
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BACK COUNTRY ETIQUETTE

by Marjorie C. Lacy

In the last issue, Art Reynolds wrote about horsemen having to get more active and political if there are to be any areas left for us to ride in. We certainly need to band together to let policy makers know that there are a lot of us who like to ride and who want some areas where we can do so without running the risks of being hit by bikers flying around corners on the trail and other mechanized hazards.

And while many hikers and other trail users are hostile to horse use, there is something horsemen can do to minimize this. We can make sure our horses are trained before we go into wild areas and we can make sure we camp responsibly.

We've been packing into the Willmore Wilderness Area north of Jasper Park since 1967 with horses. And the worst messes I've seen were left by irresponsible horse outfits. Manure all over the only areas suitable for putting up tents, trees with their trunks skinned a foot around because someone's horse pulled back, great holes pawed around the bases of trees by horses tied up all night, and so on.

A horse should be hobble trained before going out on a packtrip. It should be broke to stand tied, and if you can't keep it from pawing, hobble it so it won't kill the tree it's tied to.

I've never run across anyone who's successfully toilet trained a horse, so there's nothing we can do for the hikers about those "piles" out on the trails. However the horses can be kept out of

camping areas and if they leave a mess when you bring them in to saddle and pack up, make sure that the last thing you do before leaving is scatter the manure so it will dry out quickly and disappear into the soil. Luckily it is bio-degradable!

Another thing that horse campers should always do is pack out their garbage. There's just no excuse for leaving cans, bottles, etc. thrown around a camping area. But I've seen camps left with the firepit area heaped high with broken bottles. What can the next person to use that camp do but clean it all up or make a new fireplace? It's not hard to flatten cans, wrap them in paper and pack them on the bottom of the panniers. And if glass bottles can be packed in safely when they're full, well, they'll be much lighter to pack home empty!

Being careful of the few places we still have to ride and enjoy will help us keep them. We need the support of all users to retain our riding areas. Hikers have a tendency to dislike horsemen (you'd probably feel the same if you were carrying a heavy pack and a horse outfit passed you on a steep hill! What the hikers don't know about is all the trouble the horses give us later to get even - like taking off for home, hobbles and all, before dawn on a snowy morning!) But if we are to have wild areas to ride in into the next century, we'll have to get along and try to preserve these shrinking places where for a few days a person can ride back in time to the way it used to be. <>



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FOUNDATION OF THE RUNNING WALK

As we begin to move from the flat walk into the running walk, we must be careful not to get in a hurry nor abandon the foundation the flat walk has given us. Always keep "square, relaxed, balanced, and energetic" in mind when riding a Walking Horse at either of his walking gaits.

Trainers of some of the best Walking Horses that have ever lived stress two things. One is that it is necessary to spend 30 to 90 days at the flat walk before introducing ANY other gait. The second is that the horse with a good flat walk will have a good running walk. Conversely, a good running walk horse will have a good flat walk. This means that if you see a horse with a nice running walk that does nothing but a ploddy, go-nowhere walk, you can be certain that its running walk is not as good as that horse is capable of either.

Square, relaxed, straight, balanced, energetic movement must be maintained at all times in the running walk, just as in the flat walk. Any thorough, humane training program for any breed and for most disciplines seek to develop

relaxation, straightness, balance and impulsion. It is not odd, strange or evidence of inferiority that our Walkers need the same basics that every other horse in the whole world does to enable them to perform at their best!

The flat-foot walk is the working gait of gaited horses, especially Walkers. Everything the horse needs to learn to enhance his running walk is learned first at the flat walk. When the horse has been properly prepared at the flat walk, getting the running walk is a simple matter of putting the pieces together and inviting the horse to go on into a running walk. A few weeks of steady him in his gait and rewarding him for doing it correctly while he learns to deal with the greater speed will soon have him on the road to gradual, steady improvement. A Walker's gaits can continue to improve throughout his life. A solid, adjustable flat walk makes the running walk easy.

If you've already introduced the flat walk as described last time (The Flat Walk, Part II: How to Train for It WHN July/Aug. 1991), your horse already has a basic understanding of relaxation, balance, impulsion and square movement. Your use of both basic walk and flat walk have prepared the horse and you to recognize and use a range of speeds within the walk to do a variety of things. This aids in recognizing and using the subtle shift to the rolling weight transfer of the running walk without losing the walking gait. Further work specifically intended to develop the horse's balance, impulsion, straightness and square timing will build toward the running walk, even though it is all done at the flat walk.

We've assumed that the horse has had an introduction to the bit and what it means, but let's check a few things. Gentle pressure on the left rein should make the horse turn his head to the left. Pressure on the right rein causes him to turn his head right. A pull and release with the command, "Whoa" should make him stop. If you lift up on the reins the horse will automatically throw his head up and extend his nose. This is so instinctive that it requires no training.

You will have to teach the horse to drop his head and tuck ... cont'd p.35

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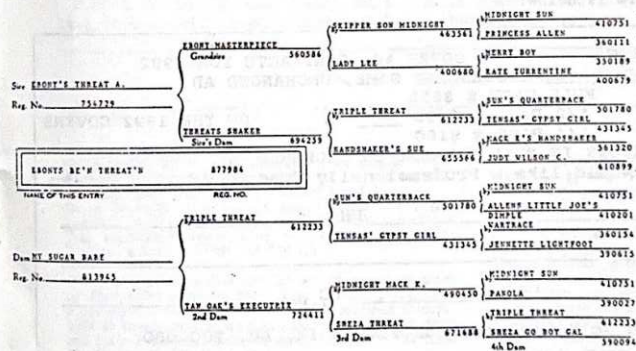
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his chin in response to downward and backward pressure. To do this, stand in front of the horse, a little to one side if you're afraid he may strike at you, and gently rock the bit in his mouth using backward and downward pressure. He won't understand at first but if you keep gently rocking the bit he'll eventually drop his head and tuck his chin. When he does, release the pressure and reward him. His head will go right back up the instant you release the pressure, so, after he's had a few seconds to think about it, repeat the same thing.

Do this every time before you mount and just before taking off the bridle, until he consistently drops and tucks in response to the downward, backward pressure. You do not want him locked into this or any other position. Someday your pacy horse may decide to trot and you'll need to lift his head and extend his nose to correct him. The horse should respond to the bit, putting his head wherever you indicate, not set it in one locked position.

This is the problem with head setting or biting rigs. They teach the horse to

disconnect his head and neck from what the rest of his body is doing. This not only destroys the proper head motion in Walking Horses but you also throw away your most effective lever for adjusting the horse's gait. Your ability to adjust the horse's posture is your key to controlling what gait he does. If his head is set, he locks into that position and can ignore you and go right on doing whatever gait he pleases. He may look pretty but you've only got half the controls you need; therefore, you'll get less than half his performance potential, and the wrong gait. You need to be able to put the horse's head, neck and back in any position at any time to deal with all the variables that are out there, waiting to throw him off gait.

Retraining a horse that has had his head set is possible, but it is very slow, difficult and time consuming. Few riders have the time or skills to do it. It's far better to never develop the problem in the first place.

Next we'll add responding to leg aids. In the meantime, keep flat walking the horse and refine his responses to the bit.

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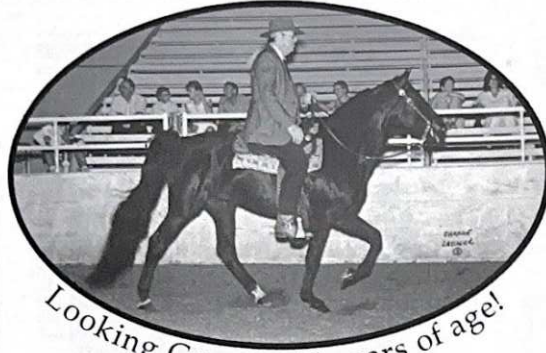
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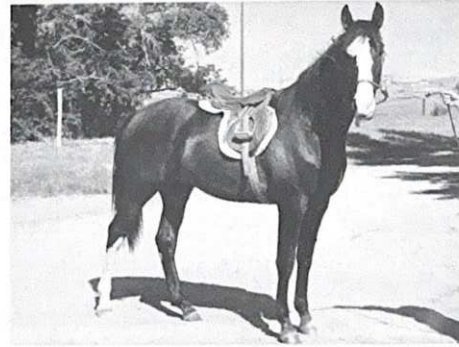
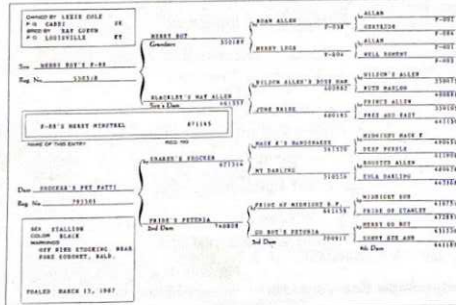
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