

WALKING HORSE NEWS

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Dear Subscribers,

Best wishes to you all in 1979! It should be a good year for Walking Horses with all of you promoting the breed in your own areas.

We finally moved to the farm in January. Our phone number is 723-2547. The best time to catch me is from six to nine in the evening.

The March - April issue will feature stallions at stud. Last year we had 17 stallions advertised. Let's make this one even bigger - a real show case of Western Canadian breeding stock.

Fill out the form below NOW, before you forget, or make up your own ad and send it to: Box 2728, EDSON, Alberta TOE0P0

I will send the stallion issue to the Alberta Horse Branch for their stallion directory and to all the 160 or so people on the address list, so you'll reach the maximum number of those interested in the Tennessee Walking Horse. To cover the extra costs I am asking that you send a dollar with your ad. Thanks!

STALLION AT STUD

NAME _____ U.S.# _____ CAN. # _____

SIRE _____ DAM _____

COLOUR _____ Markings _____

HEIGHT _____ STUD FEE _____

COMMENTS _____

OWNER'S NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE # _____

MANITOBA NEWS

Darlene Moore returned from a twenty day trip to southeastern United States. Among many other things, she attended the 1978 Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration. The Plantation classes were exceptional. Also toured numerous Walker farms and training stables in the Shelbyville area. Facilities indeed impressive. Yearling sales were high averaged.

Maxine Stringer of Dugald visited recently at the Moore Family stable at Boissevain. She was checking the progress of her yearling filly, Brandy's Flame of Honor, who is living there under Darlene's care.

Darlene travelled westward in late October and visited Walker raisers Ralph Morden at Handsworth and Bonnie and Nick Brown of Invermay. The quality of the horses was surpassed only by the hospitality of the people!

Congratulations to Bonnie & Nick Brown of Invermay, Sask. who have obtained the wonderful stallion, Sun's Merry Man, from Calvin Miller of North Dakota.

Thank you, Darlene, for sending in the above .

SASKATCHEWAN NEWS

Bonnie Brown wrote in late Nov. with further news of their new Walking Horses. "I have my mares home and the colt. The mare with the colt is Flash's Dixie (Zephyr's Flash O' Gold x Wilson's Dixie Stone). She is a real dark gold dapple. Her colt is by Sun's Merry Man - a nice palomino filly that does the running walk like an old timer."

"The other older mare is My Merry Bonnie (Merry Boy's Major x Flash's Stone Dixie). She's a tall mare, sorrel chestnut, and bred to Ebony's Reflection."

"The young mare is Sun's Dakota Skylark (Sun's Merry Man x Calico's Majorette), a sorrel with lots of white on face and legs. Has a wonderful fast running walk."

"Last but not least is Sun's Merry Man. I had the luck to be able to buy him. He's a real nice horse, kind, and a sorrel roan with light mane & tail, white on face & has the nicest head I think I have seen on any horse. His sire, Hill's Perfection, is a world champion many a time."

"The other stallion by Majestic Black Royal is doing fine and is well gaited."

SASKATCHEWAN NEWS continued

Tom & Alice Wilbraham of Alameda sent in some news in November.

"We were out to Lacombe in October and took time to look at some of the Walkers that were for sale in the Stettler area. We'd like to thank Butch Friis, Ellwood Smith, Jack Chapman and Jim Horne for answering our inquiries and we look forward to meeting them sometime."

"Since, we have purchased a bred half-Walker mare & her $\frac{3}{4}$ filly from Mr. Ralph Morden, Handsworth. She's a fine, up-standing mare and has real good movement."

ALBERTA NEWS

Myles & Sandy Herman of Willowbrae Stables, Ardrossan, have two Walkers, Shadow at Midnight H and Big Sky Sunspot, that they are enjoying.

Mrs. Berniece Ackroyd of Edmonton phoned a while back. They have two mares which they plan to breed this spring. They keep their Walkers at Whitemud Riding Academy and there has been talk of some sort of display there in February. Keep us posted on developments, please!

Had a nice long letter from the Davies at Duffield. They had a pretty good trip down to North Dakota in September to pick up their new horses. Calvin Miller gave them a lot of tips on training and gaiting Walkers and Maxine prepared a delicious feed of buffalo steak for them one evening. "We'd like to thank them for their hospitality," Russ & Rose write.

Their trip back was cold & windy but uneventful except for one flat on the trailer. They haven't ridden Bumble Bee or Sam much yet but are looking forward to some serious training in the spring- and to 2 foals from their other, younger Walker mares.

After being to Lloydminster in August the Davies had a letter from a lady who was interested in buying a Walker. She felt they'd be the best breed for someone with arthritis. So there you can see the value of shows for publicity!

Deborah McPhee, Calgary, bought a Tennessee Walker mare while at college in Sacramento, California. She planned to bring the mare to Canada at the end of January. Black Passion won the 1978 West Coast High Point Halter Mare Championship so should be a fine addition to the Walkers in this part of the world.

North Peace News

The Guidry's of Pouce Coupe, B.C., imported 2 reg'd walking mares in Aug., one from Kentucky: Pickles at Midnight #688238

Dam: Vanetta Dee #633680

Sire: Midnight's Blackboy #481172

Pickles is a sorrel, with a blaze and 2 hind socks. She is a grand daughter of 'Midnight Sun' and is bred to a stallion down in Kentucky. The other mare is from Nashville: Little Nancy Go Go #641893

Dam: Diana T #600497

Sire: Determination #580636

Nancy is black with a star and 1 hind sock. She's a great grand daughter of 'Midnight Sun' and 'Merry Boy'.

Lorraine said all the horses are wintering well and wants all to know she is starting to drive her young one and is progressing very well.

Lynda McNabb of Pouce Coupe, B.C. is in the process of purchasing a reg'd walking pony 'Prairie Dawn' #80 from Joyce Patterson of Cawston B.C. Lynda would like to thank all the people who replied to her ad on the walking pony and she has had success in purchasing.

Louise Rathburn of Hythe Alta. sold: 'King's Stormy Mist' #771871

Dam: Doll o' the Mist #612866

Sire: Beauty's Sage King #602247

sorrel stallion, blaze, 4 stockings

to Ellwood Smith of Stettler, Alta.

The first show of the season in Dawson Creek will be in May.

There will be a TWH class and later in the fall, at the CHSA show, we are hoping to get a 'Water Glass' class and a 'Southern Belle' class. The exhibition is open to classes and to promote the smoothness and quality of the Walker, there would be nothing better than to have these new classes.

That's about it for now. See you in the next edition.

My thanks to Lynda McNabb for compiling, Typing & sending in the above news.

BRITISH COLUMBIA NEWS

Mrs. A. R. Patterson, Cawston, writes, "Am getting along very well with my 2½ year old filly. She's grey, a good 14.1 now. Moves out quite well. I find her very good in the mountains. She's a registered American Walking Pony that I bred myself."

Mr. & Mrs. E.R. Plested are moving into town from the farm and thus have to give up the last of their Walkers. (See ads). She's a beautiful palomino whose parents came from Pearl Tompkins' ranch in Montana.

Penny Wilson sent in the following items;

" Firstly, due to the generosity of my dear friends, Robbie and Laraine Guidry, I am now the proud owner of a 2 year old TWH filly, Spade's Merry Lady (Secret's Spade x Maxine's Merry Maker). She is black with two hind socks and a broken strip."

"The Guidrys have done much to promote the TWH breed since they have arrived in the North, not only with the bloodlines of the horses they have imported but also with the courtesy they have extended to fellow breeders and competitors. When you visit their place, if you are a keen horseman, you are invited to ride their horses. Larraine does not like to have mature horses on the place that are unbroken to ride so when Glory's Merry Gal arrived from Tennessee with the Guidrys first shipment in 1977 they were determined that this aged broodmare would be ridden along with the other horses. Larraine worked very hard with her and she became a very pleasant ride. She was purchased by Mrs. Wynn Armstrong of Fort St. John who arranged with Larraine to have her shown at the CHSA approved horse show at the Dawson Creek Fall Fair. You can imagine the excitement of everyone who knew the old mare when she placed 2nd in the TWH pleasure class!"

Penny also says that Larraine is presenting a Basic Horsemanship course at the Central Junior Secondary School. One of the lectures will be devoted to the TWH breed and will feature the Walkers in the flesh, showing off their conformation and gaits. Congratulations on a very good form of promotion and education, Larraine.

Wynn Armstrong has headed south to Pendleton, Oregon for the cold weather and is boarding her horses with a friend for the winter.

Keith & Marge Doll have moved to Creighton, Sask. from Pr. George.

B. C. NEWS continued

Marjorie Fabro sent in some very interesting photos which, unfortunately, will not reproduce in the newsletter. She says, "I'm enclosing some copies from our local paper of our daughter Patti and her winnings on our Tennessee mare, Sizzling 66, - we call her Lady. Patti & Lady competed with all breeds of horses in trail, western pleasure, pole-bending, barrels and a western riding pattern for 4 shows in the summer with 4 different judges. (Patti was the big winner at her club's award night, winning 'child high point' trophy and 'high point horse & rider - senior, junior or child' trophy.) So I was so excited, and so was Patti, to prove that a Walking Horse can do everything other horses can. Too bad Patti wasn't entered in the Versatility Programme for 1978. Maybe next year."

FOR SALE

TWH filly, 4 yrs, golden palomino. Well conformed & gentle. Broke to ride & drive. Grandsire - Merry Boy. Must sell - we're moving to town. \$2500.00
Mrs. E.R. Plested, Box 485, FRUITVALE, B.C. Phone 367-9890

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Two Half-Walker geldings; also good quiet grade mares bred to foal half Walkers.

Tom & Alice Wilbraham, ALAMEDA, Sask.

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NEW SUBSCRIBERS

Astrid Berkowski, Kimberley, B.C. - Courtesy of Marjorie Fabro
Berniece Ackroyd, Edmonton, Alta.

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And that wraps up another newsletter. Thanks to everyone who took the time to write and tell us their news.

Please remember to send in your stallion listing. It's good advertising! While you're ab out it, send along the news of your horses. The News has been getting a bit thinner, you may have noticed, so give it some high calorie news! March - April news deadline is March 20.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Marjorie C. Lacy