

## First All Morgan Horse Show in the Northwest

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It is with great pride we look back to our first all Morgan Horse Show in the Northwest; in fact, to my knowledge it is the first one breed show in the state of Washington\*. We had a total of 29 entries and a total of 86 entries of these horses in the 16 classes offered.

The day, Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, was a beautiful, sunny day, not too hot and with a nice breeze. The show was held at Suncrest Ranch, the Gardner Smith home, just outside of Cathcart, Wash. The view overlooking the Snohomish River valley and the Cascade Mountains was superb. Exhibitors from all parts of the state included the Brauns from Wenatchee, the Eskills from Wenatchee, Sue Smith from Wenatchee, C.R. Thacker from Yakima, O.E. Elkins from Yakima, Frances Lyons from Yakima, the Dillings from Port Angeles, Kent Erickson from Tacoma, the Tupperes from Snohomish, Guy Hubbard from Snohomish, the Van Pelts from Bellevue, the Ellises from Seattle, Oran McCully from Redmond, the Ratcliffes from Bellevue, Gladys Koehne from Bothell and the Smiths from Snohomish. Morgan owners to see and to help with the show were the Shaws from Walla Walla, the Fields from Wilber, Don Anderson from Mount Vernon and the Donoghues from Bothell.

Tom Metcalf from Issaquah, one of the foremost trainers in the Northwest did a splendid job of judging. He was helped in the ring by Sylvia Donoghue ring secretary. Win Van Pelt, gateman, kept the show moving under the able announcer team of Howard and Freda McMahon of Alderwood Manor.

**1954 Foals:** Won by CHIEF GERONIMO (*Montie De Jarnette x Skagit Neah*) owned by Gardner Smith

**1955 Foals:** Won by KILYN (*KILYNN VONMAC Hilin x Skagit Kikialos*) owned by Yvonne McDonald

**Filles 2 years:** Won by SUNTRESS (*Sundust x Oratress*) owned by Gardner Smith; 2) LADY K GATES (*Gayman x Stargates*) owned by Gladys Koehne; 3) NIMBUS (*Pomulus x Mardy Vermont*) owned by Sue Smith; 4) SKAGIT MAID (*Highwood L x Sallal*) owned by Lawrence Tupper.

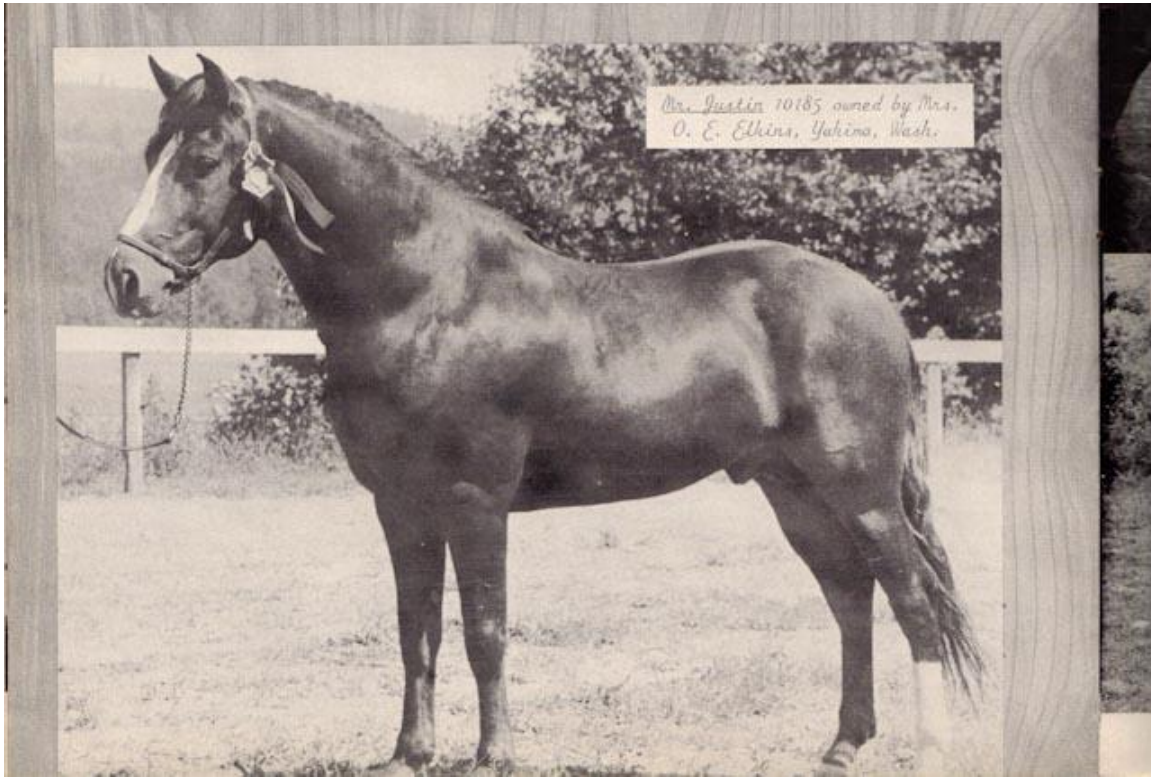
**Fillies 3 years:** Won by POMMELASS (*Pomulus x Redlass*) owned by E. Barclay Brauns; 2) WILLIWAW (*Pomulus x Dawnglo*) owned by E. Barclay Brauns; 3) SKAGIT KIKIALOS (*Skagit Vashon x Skagit Klale*) owned by Yvonne McDonald.

**Colts 3 years:** Won by PRINCE ROMANESQUE (*Glen Pomulus x Golden Princes*) owned by C.R. Thacker

**Mares 4 and Over:** Won by ORATRESS (*Laddie x Willys*) owned by Gardner Smith and shown by R.H. Brookes; 2) STAR GATES (*Agazziz x Jipsy L*) owned by Gladys Koehne; 3) SKAGIT NEAH (*Highwood L x Indian Summer*) owned by Gardner Smith and shown by Helen Smith; 4) ABBELINE (*Abbot x Spit Fly*) owned by Barbara and Betty Ellis.

**Stallions 4 and Over:** Won by MR. JUSTIN (*Pomulus x Golden Princess*) owned by O.E. Elkins; 2) SKAGIT HYACK (*Highwood L x Sallal*) owned by Caroline Tupper and shown by

Lawrence Tupper; 3) SUNSHINE R (*Revere x Golden Revere*) owned by Kent Erickson; 4) WARBLER (*Katrilan x Blossom Q*) owned by Oran McCully.



Mr. Justin

**Western Trail Horse:** Won by BEAUJEAU (*Highview King x Luray*) owned by Lex Dilling; 2) SUNSHINE R (*Revere x Golden Revere*) owned by Kent Erickson; 3) STAR GATES (*Agazziz x Jipsy L*) owned by Gladys Koehne; 4) SKAGIT CHIKAMIN (*Highwood L x Lovely Lady*) owned by Guy D. Hubbard. (11 entries)

**Stallions Under Saddle - Western Equipment:** Won by MR. JUSTIN (*Pomulus x Golden Princess*) owned by O.E. Elkins and shown by Frances Lyons; 2) BEAUJEAU (*Highview King x Luray*) owned by Lex Dilling; 3) SUNSHINE R (*Revere x Golden Revere*) owned by Kent Erickson; 4) PRINCE ROMANESQUE (*Glen Pomulus x Golden Princes*) owned by C.R. Thacker.

**Mares and Geldings Under Saddle - Western Equipment:** Won by POMULA (*Pomulus x Etna*) Owned by Susan Eskill; 2) STAR GATES (*Agazziz x Jipsy L*) owned by Gladys Koehne; 3) ABBELINE (*Abbot x Spit Fly*) owned by Barbara and Betty Ellis; 4) SKAGIT NEAH (*Highwood L x Indian Summer*) owned by Gardner Smith and ridden by Don Anderson.



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**Versatile Morgan:** Won by MR. JUSTIN (*Pomulus x Golden Princes*) owned by O.E. Elkins and shown by Frances Lyons; 2) BEAUJEAU (*Highview King x Luray*) owned by Lex Dilling; 3) SUNSHINE R (*Revere x Golden Revere*) owned by Kent Erickson and shown by Kent Erickson and Jean Stanley; 4) POMULA (*Pomulus x Etna*) owned by Susan Eskill, shown by Elmer Adkins and Susan Eskill.

**Stallions, Mares and Geldings - English Equipment:** Won by MR. JUSTIN (*Pomulus x Golden Princes*) owned by O.E. Elkins and shown by Frances Lyons; 2) BEAUJEAU (*Highview King x Luray*) owned by Lex Dilling and shown by Virginia Dilling; 3) POMULA (*Pomulus x Etna*) owned by Susan Eskill; 4) ABBELINE (*Abbot x Spit Fly*) owned by Barbara and Betty Ellis and shown by Betty Ellis.

**Roadster to Bike:** Won by MR. JUSTIN (*Pomulus x Golden Princes*) owned by O.E. Elkins; 2) BEAUJEAU (*Highview King x Luray*) owned by Lex Dilling.

*Final note from Gladys Koehne in this article:* Just received the news that O.E. Elkins, one of the most enthusiastic Morgan owners and exhibitors in the Northwest has passed on. I am so glad he could be at the first Morgan show to see his Mr. Justin receive top honors and know that for the second year in succession his Morgan was high point Morgan in the state of Washington.

We are sincerely grieved at this news.

*\*From its humble beginnings the Northwest Morgan Horse Show developed into the shows we now know as the PNW show and the Far West Regional. It was not just the first all Morgan show in the state of Washington, it was in fact, **the first All Morgan show West of the Mississippi**!*

*The transcriber has added the sire and dam of the winners.*