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THE STORY OF DOUBLE SIX DOMINO

By Ron Stull

In the spring of 1943 somewhere on the vast, rugged grassland of the Mansfield Ranch in West Texas, an Appaloosa mare named Susan, foaled a little black colt with a huge white blanket and peacock black spots. The mare Susan was a daughter of the grand old stallion Mansfield's Comanche and her mother was the mare called Lucine, who was a half sister to Comanche's mother, Juanita. The daddy of the little black, blanket-hipped colt just happened to be this same Comanche horse. With more than $\frac{3}{4}$ of the blood of his great sire, this little peacock was destined to become one of the great progenitors of the Appaloosa breed.

Jack Mansfield became an Appaloosa breeder when he purchased a ranch near Eagle Pass, Texas, already stocked with Appaloosa horses. Later Jack moved a bunch of these horses to the Alamosa spread near Vega, Tex. Mansfield had learned that these peculiarly spotted horses had some mighty valuable characteristics aside from their unique coloration. On the rugged terrain of the big ranch, some parts seemingly accessible only to mountain goats, buzzards, and eagles, the Appaloosas went where most horses wouldn't even look! One of the Appaloosas moved to the Alamosa Ranch was the mare Juanita, now famous in the Appaloosa breed. Juanita was a daughter of the Appaloosa, Cortez, who was a

son of Pancho Villa, a noted running horse in Mexico, and a full brother to the famous Zantanon, both raised by Ott Adams of Alice, Texas, and sons of Little Joe by Traveler. Juanita's mother was Senorita who was by Jose and out of Chiquita. This writer has been unable to learn anything about any of the last three horses mentioned.

The famous South - Texas horseman, Billy Anson, whose contributions to the Quarter Horse breed are unparalleled, had on his "Head of the River" Ranch, a Thoroughbred remount stallion named Dr. Howard. Billy used this stallion on his Quarter Horse mares to get top-flight polo ponies acceptable to the eastern buyers. Dr. Howard was