

## OUTSTANDING APPALOOSA BLOODLINES

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Until recently, Mrs. Davis kept two outstanding colts by Domino as stallions—Geronomo No. 165, coming 7 and Prexy No. 166, coming 6. The latter has since been gelded. There are many well put up, beautiful Domino colts on the San Francisco Peninsula but few people in that metropolitan area have taken the time or shown the interest to register them.

In 1942, Wallace E. Shields of 483 North 16th Street, San Jose, California, made a trip to the northwestern foothills of the Sierra Nevada mountains and purchased an ageing spotted mare (ancestry unknown) from Con Ruff of Marysville, California. In that particular section of the country she had been known as the Appletree Mare. Shields registered her a few months later under the name of Azul; and, that same summer took her to the court of Domino. Azul No. 79, late that next spring foaled a stud colt and Shields registered him as Medicine Man—by far the most important horse Domino has sired to-date. Medicine Man No. 186, is probably the finest groomed Appaloosa that

has ever been shown in competition and he has yet to be beaten in a halter class of his own breed. He walked away with the Champion Stallion ribbon at the 2nd All-Appaloosa Horse Show held at Lewiston, Idaho, in 1949; was Champion Stallion of his breed at the California State Horsemen's Show held in Sacramento in 1949; was Champion Stallion of his breed at the 1950 Plumas County Fair, held at Quincy, California, etc.

The Appaloosa get of this immaculately kept horse are all well marked; and with the exception of one, have been all black and white. The exception is a buckskin with white over the rump with like colored spots which Shields owns. The latter has had a great deal of success, the last 5 or 6 years, servicing mares by artificial means and every one bred in this manner has been found to be with foal. Last year an arrangement was under way for Medicine Man to service 90 mares by artificial means in Australia. However, the flight of over 70 hours proved to be too long a time and Shields was forced to abandon the plan after consultation with veterinaries.

As of January, 1950, out of a total of 1274 registrations, 32 were traceable to the Salomon Figueroa bloodline.