showing. In the past Lynn Peeples had helped Cindy show some Tara horses, and he was a trusted friend of Mrs. Pugh. When Cindy retired, Fran sent five show horses to Lynn and Kathleen Peeples of Waterford Farm, including Tara's Anasazi, who brought the 1997 World Champion Mare title to Tara Farm.

During the transition period after Cindy retired, Fran had no one at the farm helping her, from Mid-A until spring, so she put on a big search to find someone. Through the help of Harry Sebring, she hired Ken and Dini Swanson. Ken and Dini along with daughter Ashley moved to Tara four years ago, and under the Swanson's guidance, Tara has become quite an active environment. Ken and Dini Swanson have been married for 12 years, but they both have had a lifelong involvement with horses. Together, they divide the managing and training responsibilities at Tara Farm, which include about 35 Morgan horses. Ken has about 15 horses in training, and Dini gives about 20 lessons a week (she now has a waiting list). Dini also handles most of the farm's public relations and paperwork.

With the Swansons' influence, Tara Farm has moved on to another segment for the farm—in that they are breeding and showing Tara-owned horses as well as customer-owned horses. Almost all of the customers are new to the Morgan breed and most have come up through the lesson program.

Fran's daughter, Holly Pugh Johnson, grew up around the Morgans on Tara Farm. "My mother encouraged my three brothers and me to ride, but Walter and I were the only two who did," Holly said. "When I was six, we started with two Shetland ponies. Leo and Cindy were at the farm, and they helped us get started."

I used to show Lady Beldel, who was trained by Tom Hunt," she continued. "He taught many of our horses to do tricks, so if we gave Lady

Fran Pugh's love for Morgans was passed down to her children Walter (left) and Holly (right) who are shown riding in the 1970s. Both have fond childhood memories of the horses and Tara Farm.

Tara's Love Song was a celebrated show ring champion who carried the 1983 Four-Year-Old Park Saddle World Championship to Tara Farm shown by Johnny Lucas.