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A Surprise in the Mail Brings Joy to KHRC Staff

Frankfort, KY (Oct. 7, 2021) -- This week an antique collector, Lowell Jeorge of California, sent the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission (KHRC) a 1930s era photo of Man o' War and his beloved groom, Will Harbut.

"We are always delighted to receive a piece of Kentucky horse racing history—especially one that highlights the sometimes-forgotten contributions of African-Americans to the sport," said Marc Guilfoil, KHRC Executive Director.

The postcard art features Man o' War, and his groom Will Harbut. Man o' War, also called Big Red, is widely considered the most famous horse in America. After a winning racing career, Man o' War returned to Lexington and was at stud at Faraway farm.

The storied horse was a major attraction for tourists and visitors. Mr. Harbut was known for leading tours for the horse's many admirers, telling great stories, and protecting Man o' War. Guilfoil added that receiving this card now is also special because Governor Beshear recently appointed Greg Harbut, the great-grandson of Will Harbut, to help lead the KHRC as a Commissioner.

"Horse racing is an important part of Kentucky's past, present and future. The industry continues to bring opportunity, jobs, and tourism to the commonwealth. Most importantly, it is a shining example to the world of just how great our state is," said Guilfoil.

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Below are photographs of the postcard, along with Mr. Joerg's letter to KHRC



"MAN-O-WAR," THE WONDER HORSE,
BRED IN "OLD KENTUCKY"—K15

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POST CARD
 MADE IN U.S.A. BY E. C. KRIPP CO., MILWAUKEE, WIS.
 Little Rock
 We had a delightful trip
 about the 1st night in
 Parkersburg, West. Va. and
 2nd in Hodgenville, Ky. the
 town where Abe Lincoln
 was born! Crazy about
 Kentucky - Very rugged
 Mts, miles & miles of
 Tobacco fields - gorgeous houses
 near Lexington - and then
 the wonderful stock farms!
 Would have called at May-sing
 but didn't know where he lived.
 Love - A. R. S. W.

Mr
 Mrs Fred. Spencer
 Saybrook.
 Conn.
 "Pant Eaves"

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Good Morning:

I was at an antique store and found this circa 1938 picture of your beautiful Man-O-War of that era. I'm thinking you and your friends might enjoy seeing it. How it ever got to California we'll never know.

At any rate, I hope it brightens your day.

The card itself is an old time classic. I said to myself, "By golly, I think I'll send it home where it can be appreciated." Our heritage is important to all of us. Lots of changes, I suppose. Enlarged and posted up it will create some nice conversation.

Well, I gave 6.00 for it so if you want it for 7.00 or 8.00 that would be o.k. with me. Throw in a little postage if you want, too.

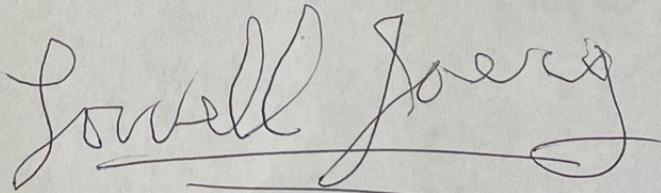
My dear wife used to laugh at me and say, "If you hear from them you'll have to take me to lunch."

On June 26th I celebrated my ninety-third birthday. I have to say "I just don't know where all that time went." Thankfully I'm still going strong "as far as I know."

By the way, I like to call my little hobby a "RE-DISTRIBUTION OF HAPPINESS." Our world needs more of it.

Here's wishing you and your staff the very best,

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PS: Oh, yes, my daughter says you can find me on GOOGLE but I never look. PS: I enjoy souvenirs.