



MEET TAFFY, the favorite pet at the ranch of Mr. and Mrs. D. Gray. This two-week old Pony of America is the pride and joy of the Gray family. She is being shown by the Gray children (l. to r.) VaRean, Tim, Vilia and Nola.

### Fun, Profit Combined in Raising Ponies

By Betty Burney

There is a breed of ponies now which is suitable for teenagers and the youngsters who have outgrown the Shetland pony.

It used to be that young people—only the very young, rode ponies. Now there is a breed that measures 46" to 52". This is the Pony of America breed—a sturdy, little, polka dotted equine which resembles the Appaloosa, with either leopard spots of color over the body or the distinctive blanket hip spots.

It's a perfect animal, almost a housepet. In this part of the

country they can be found at Meadow Lark Lane, the ranch of Mr. and Mrs. Duane Gray and children, one mile southeast of O'Neill.

Duane, a former jockey, has always loved horses. However, even an amateur can tell that he has a special love for these ponies, a love shared by his wife, Dorothy, and four children, Vilia, 13 years of age, VaReane, 12, Nola, 10, and Timmy, 9.

Their ranch is a perfect spot for raising of animals. A nice home and yard, clean, white buildings, several corrals and roomy pastures. Besides the ponies you can find dogs, horses, cats and chickens, everyone of them properly cared for and loved.

When Duane first saw a Pony of America he was very much interested and soon purchased his (Continued on next page)

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