homemade splint was applied at once. The show committee called the State Police for a horse ambulance, but the nearest one available was from Philadelphia, half the state away. A tow truck came to sling the horse, so that he did not have to stand under painful pressure, but he collapsed before the sling was completed. Prince was a big horse, well over fifteen hands. His weight was considerable, but willing hands lifted him into a trailer tarpaulin and carried the big horse into a van in an effort to get him to the University of Pennsylvania Equine Research Center at New Bolton Square, in hope that there might be some chance of saving him. (Two strangers left their own horses in a trailer at the show grounds and accompanied Wayne and Lefty with Prince. "In the confusion of the day, their names escaped the Wyants, and they have not been able to express their thanks. It is hoped that they will read this and realize how much their efforts and those of all others concerned were appreciated.")

At the New Bolton Center, the leg was X-rayed by a team of veterinarians supervised by Dr. Jacques Janney, Director of the Equine Extension, University of Pennsylvania. The X-rays showed irreparable damage to all the major bones from the hock to the hoove. Prince Valiant was destroyed by a veterinarian and was donated for research in equine orthopedics at the University. It is hoped that his accident will be a key in the research in bone graft being conducted there, so that in the future, horses may not have to be destroyed because of a bone that has been broken,

A brief resume of the life of Prince Valiant, F-2215, shows that he was bred by Nate Brown, Grass Creek, Wyo., and foaled June 1, 1958. His sire was Pablo, F-267, and he was out of Chi, F-1297. He was owned by Penny Johnson of Grass

Creek, Wyo. As a yearling, he was owned by C. H. Merrill, of Pine Ridge, S. D., and Byron Bluem, of Chester, Minn. A teen-ager showed him from 1959 to 1963, winning over top Appaloosa and other breeds in many shows. On March 6, 1963, he moved to the Money Creek Ranch in Houston, Minn., where Edward and Evelyn Weber bred all their daughters of Pepper Shamrock to him and showed him extensively. He won six Grand Championships, two Reserve Grand Championships, and many blues for them. In 1963, he made his first appearance in the Western Pennsylvania area, winning first place in aged stallions at halter, and Grand Champion of the Appaloosa at the South Baldwin Kiwanis Club Horse Show at South Park, near Pittsburgh. On December 17, 1963, he went to WayLo Acres. He died August 15, 1964. at New Bolton Square, Pennsylvania-suburban Philadelphia—nearly 1600 miles from his birthplace.

Lois and Wayne Wyant, with Lefty and Ginny Hoak, plan to drive to Money Creek Ranch later this fall, to buy colts and fillies by Prince Valiant. Three quarters of the WayLo mares and a number of selected outside mares are now carrying his 1965 foals. In 1964, he produced thirty (30) blanketed foals out of thirty-two (32) mares bred to him.

In the back paddock at WayLo Acres stands another Prince Valiant. He's only two now, but he's his father's image, and has even more color than his sire. He will debut in the show ring at the South Hills Riding Assn. Horse Show in Pittsburgh, later this year. The young Prince stretches his neck over the high half-door of the barn, and peers into the empty stall. Next summer it will be his! The Wyants' dream of owning Prince Valiant will come to life again through his get!



PRINCE VALIANT, WayLo Acres, RFD 1, Fairmount City, Pa. NOVEMBER, 1964

