

New York Sire Stakes Gains Quick Acceptance

By PAT LONG

A new and successful venture in Morgan promotion has become a highlight of the prestigious New York International All-Morgan Show in Syracuse. The New York Sire Stakes, with two years in the record books, is a huge success in promoting and honoring Morgan sires standing in the state. The premiums distributed in the division are evidence of the general acceptance the program has received.

Briefly, the get of eligible New York stallions are shown at the International Show as weanlings — are then kept eligible, but not shown, for the next three years. As four-year-olds they return to the International to compete in hand, under saddle and in harness, under the three judge system.

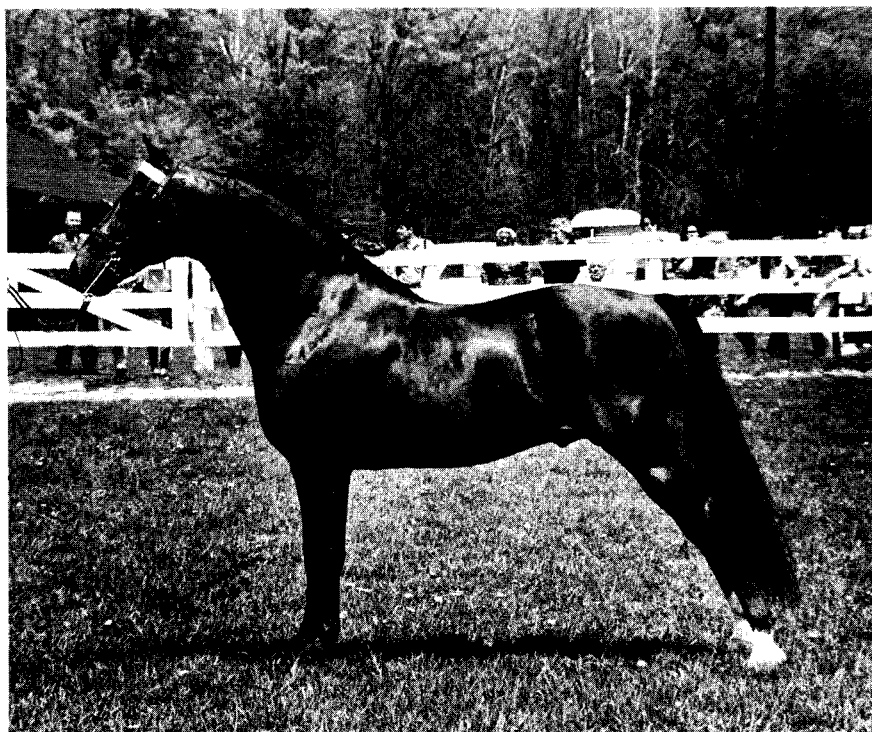
In 1972, the initial year, 12 sires were nominated, along with 21 of their weanlings. Of this original group, 16 have been sustained in their yearling year.

For 1973, 23 weanlings were nominated, sired by 11 stallions. Fifteen of this weanling group competed for the

coveted ribbons at the International, with first and second place occupied by the get of Petalbrook Sigmalect, owned by Petalbrook Farm of Wappingers Falls. Sigmalect, now 14 years old, many times champion himself, is a son of Sealect of Windcrest (Pecos x Janee) and his dam is UVM Annandale (Tutor x Norma). Awarded top honor was his daughter, Petalbrook Monica (Pet-

albrook Francie), followed in second place by a son, Petalbrook Nickolas (Oldwick Heather). Both foals were nominated and owned by Petalbrook Farm.

Third ribbon went to the filly, Saddleback Symphony, the entry of Saddleback Farm, Inc. She is sired by Applevale Challenger, Saddleback's eight-year-old show champion and respected



Right: **PETALBROOK SIGMALECT**
Sire of Top Two Weanlings
In 1973 N.Y. Sire Stakes

sire. Challenger is also a son of Sealect of Windcrest and his dam is Valatie (Orcland Leader x Orcland Victoria).

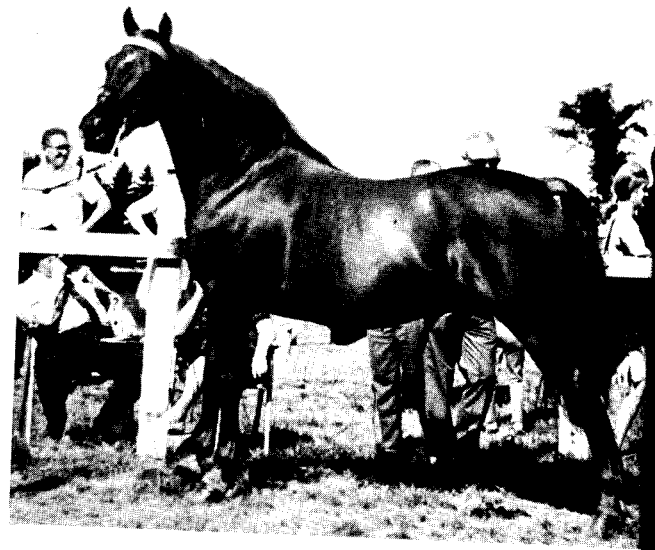
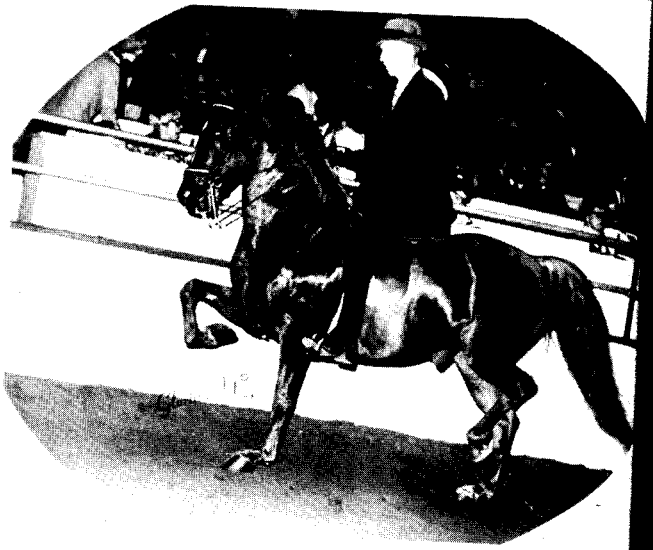
In fourth spot was the filly B-L Pink Champagne, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Stanley J. Beran of Esperance. Her sire is UVM Enchantor (Tutor x Norma). Of particular interest is the fact that Enchantor is a full brother to Annandale, aforementioned dam of Petalbrook Sigmalect.

Fifth ribbon was awarded to Fiddler's New Yorker, the entry of Fiddler's Green Farm of Georgetown. His sire, Kadenvale Don (Upwey Ben Don x Jean B) is Sue Venier's well-known National Grand Champion. New Yorker's dam, Wasecka's Tiz So, is owned by Fiddler's Green Farm.

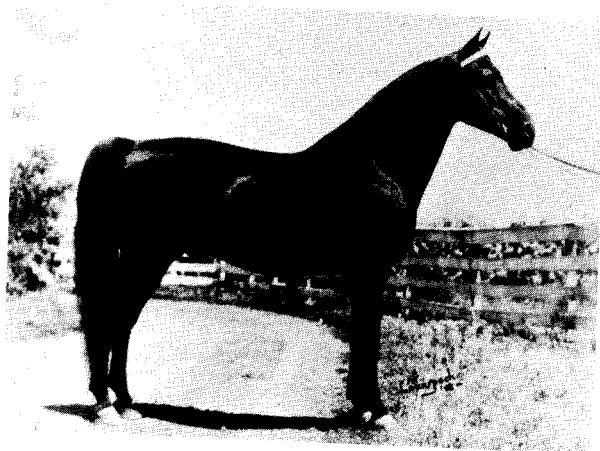
Sixth place was occupied by still another filly, Skyloft Melinda, owned by Richard and Carole Thoms of Skyloft Morgan Farm in Scottsville. Her sire was the famous, and now deceased, Shadow Hawk (Flyhawk x Sentimental) and her dam is Linda Mia Mildann (Lord Linsley x Nancita Mildann), owned by Janet Stetzel and on lease to the Thoms' Shadow Hawk, owned by Mrs. L. S. Greenwalt of Illinois, stood at Longacres Farm in Johnstown from age 22 until his death at 26 years of age.

The reserve weanling in the division was McCloud, the entry of Longacres Farm. He also was sired by Shadow Hawk and out of Longacres Lara, an Upwey Ben Don granddaughter.

With purses in excess of \$1,000, the New York Sire Stakes has indeed become an important facet of the International Show, as well as the state's Morgan promotion effort. Inquiries with regard to this program will be most welcome and should be addressed to Mary Arnold, R.D. 3, Bath, New York 14810.



Below: SHADOW HAWK



Top to Bottom:
 KADENVALE DON
 APPEVALE CHALLENGER
 UVM ENCHANTOR