

Mini horses are big celebrities at Gettysburg

BY SHEILA MILLER
GETTYSBURG —
Miniature horses, weighing
less than 10 pounds and
measuring only about a foot

high at birth are not just
something out of fairy tales.
They are not figments of the
imagination, but living,
breathing, whinnying reality

at the Gettysburg Miniature
Horse Farm.

Located only a few miles
west of the historic bat-
tlefields off of Route 30, avid

horse enthusiasts and the
curious sight seers meander
down the narrow roads that
lead to the home of some of
the smallest horses in the
world.

The horses were first
brought to their Adams
County farm ten years ago
through the efforts of Tony
Garulo, and his fellow
Merchant Marines.

According to Carol

Schadel, who has worked for
the Miniature Horse Farm
since its inception, Garulo's
interest in the little horses
began after he visited the
Falabellas in Argentina. It
was this South American
family who first discovered
the genetic method of
breeding the miniature
horses.

"They perfected the
breeding about 150 years

ago," Schadel noted, "and
they still hold the record for
the smallest horse in the
world—19 inches tall."

Schadel recounted how
Garulo was so impressed
with the little horses that,
when he and his comrades of
the Merchant Marines en-
tered civilian life in 1970, he
convinced them to join him

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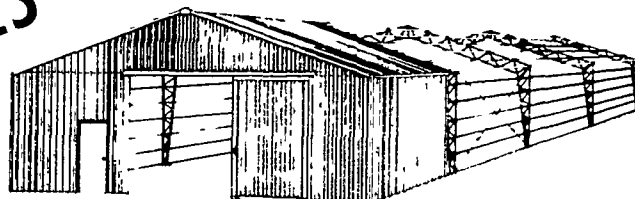


White board fence lines the country road leading to the home of Pennsylvania's smallest horses near Gettysburg.



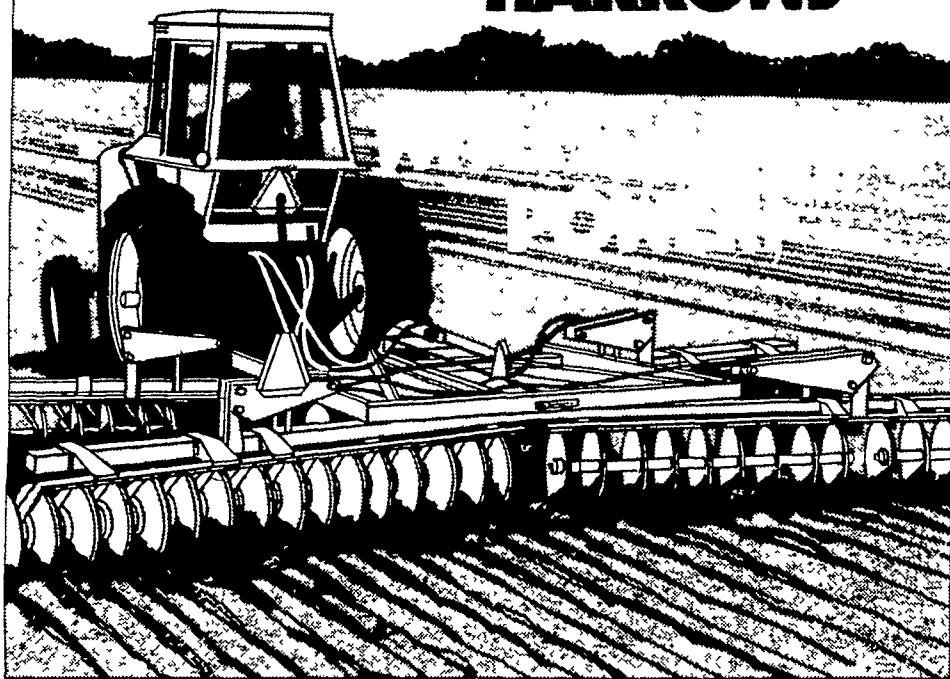
Getting down to eye level with Pedro, the miniature Clydesdale, is Carol Schadel, R8 Gettysburg. She's been working at the Miniature Horse Farm since it opened 10 years ago.

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