

"Little guy" does big things in Thoroughbred business



Foundation animal for Paul Mills' successful Willow Tree Farms breeding is Captain, My Captain, at 15-years-old Thoroughbred sire still in steady demand for his durability and longevity.

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HELLAN — Willow Tree Farms is a picture-postcard scene come to life. Mirrored in the quiet pond are lush green pastures stretching off into the distance from immaculately swept drives and tidy buildings. Dark fences outline and accent the setting, framing the focal point of the farm operation: Thoroughbred horses.
What began as a hobby for

former mobile home dealer Paul Mills, York, has evolved into a highly successful Thoroughbred breeding and racing business. In 1981, for the fifth year running, Mills topped all other breeders with his earnings of \$43,531 from the Pennsylvania Breeding Fund.
In the late '50s, Mills expanded his Stony Brook Mobile Home Sales to a mobile home park in nearby Druck Valley. On a bit of
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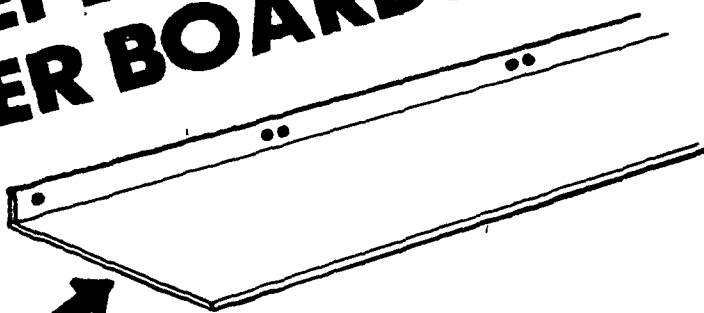


Hopes for the racing and breeding future of Willow Tree Farms' Thoroughbreds lie in this year's crop of youngsters, more of the legacy of Captain, My Captain.



One of Willow Tree Farms' most promising untried yearlings is Captain Fire, a son of Captain.

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