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The breeding farm operation was founded to supplement Anheuser-Busch's efforts to find the right horses for the company's Clydesdale hitches. In addition to the breeding farm, Clydesdale Operations' officials often travel to Canada, Ireland and Scotland in search of the perfect Clydesdale horse.

Clydesdale officials purchase only the studs -- the mares are bred on Grant's Farm. In-depth breeding charts are kept on each

mate with each horse being bred in April. Since gestation is 11 months, most births occur in early spring.

With their proud Scottish heritage, stately bearing and confident gait, the Clydesdales that qualify as Budweiser Clydesdales must be geldings of at least three years of age. They must stand 72 inches, or six feet, at the shoulder when fully mature; weigh between 1,800 and 2,300 pounds; be bay (chestnut) in color; have four white stocking feet; a blaze of white on the face

and a black mane and tail.

Free public tours of Grant's Farm are conducted April 15 to May 31, Thursday through Sunday; June 1 to Aug. 31, Tuesday through Sunday; and Sept. 1 to Oct. 15, Thursday through Sunday. To arrange a tour, which should be scheduled well in advance, telephone (314) 843-1700, or write: Grant's Farm Tours, 10501 Gravois Road, St. Louis, MO 63123.

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Approximately 20 foals are born each year at the Clydesdale Breeding Farm in St. Louis. Only about five colts will make it to one of the three Anheuser-Busch travelling hitches.

## Draft Horses

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men are no longer living, but they had worked multiple hitches in their fields years ago and wanted to see the hitch happen.

"We first actually hitched the 40 about three months before we were to appear at a circus parade in Milwaukee," he continues. "That day it took seven hours to hitch the horses and we used 18 lines ... nine in each hand. We went with a volunteer crew of about 30, but nearly 80 friends and neighbors joined us for the trip."

### Practical uses

The Percheron Association's Christian believes that the future of the draft horse will likely include some actual uses on the farm.

"The biggest actual use of the draft animal on today's modern farms will probably be a mix," he states. "There's a place on almost every farm where a team of draft horses could be an asset.

"They do have their advantages ... they're inexpensive, they produce their own fuel, they replace

themselves, they have very few broken parts and they start every morning," he continues. "Most of the people using draft horses on the farm use them for specialized jobs."

Of special note in these types of applications for draft animals are the labors of cattle feeding in winter snow and in logging or timber-clearing operations on the farm. Out West, in fact, draft teams have begun to gain in use as an effective way to beat the cold and drifts encountered in trying to get hay to range cattle on bad weather days.

No one seriously suggests that American agriculture should return to the horse-powered technology of yesteryear. However, horses hold a definite place on many of today's farms, and will always hold a place close to the heart of those who've seen or worked with the gentle giants throughout their resurgence into today's agricultural world.

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## 30 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

-Two-hundred years of wool manufacturing in this country will be celebrated throughout the United States during 1960, it was announced recently by Woolens and Worsteds of America, Inc. The observance will mark the beginning of American mill operations for wool cloth production.

-Scholarships amounting to nearly \$19,000 are "earmarked" for students in the College of Agriculture at the Pennsylvania State University. The number of scholarships and loan funds available for agricultural students is constantly increasing, reports Dr. Russell B. Dickerson, director of resident instruction in agriculture.

-Winthrop Merriam, assistant Lancaster County agent, reports this week that county 4-H club members will have the opportunity this year to attend Club Camp for the first time.

The camp session for local club

members will be from June 17-20, near Dillsburg in York County, with a fee of \$7.

-Leon B. Epler, Northumberland farmer, Wednesday was elected to his 10th straight term as president of the Penna. Farm Bureau Cooperative Assn.

-Jacob N. Smith, Annville, and Robert Leslie, Butler County, were re-elected to the third terms as vice-president and secretary-treasurer, respectively.

-A group of 50 county high school students toured facilities of seven local farmer cooperatives Wednesday during the annual Lancaster County Cooperative Council Career Day.

-Corn planting has started in Pennsylvania. The State Department of Agriculture said today that a few fields of corn have been planted in the extreme southeastern region of the State and that corn seedbed preparation is advancing in the remainder of the state.

Weather during the week ended Monday was generally seasonal, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service. Freezes were reported in northern and mountainous portions of the Commonwealth while southern areas experienced generally mild weather.

### Tax Reform

#### Session Planned

MILFORD (Pike) — A briefing session on local tax reform will be held in the Pleasant Valley Grand on Route 191 north of Honesdale on Tuesday evening, May 9, from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

The meeting is being sponsored by the Pleasant Valley Grand in cooperation with Penn State Cooperative Extension.

A staff member from the Department of Community Affairs will explain the new legislation, distribute background materials, and answer questions of the attendees. The briefing session is being offered at no cost to the public. For additional information, contact the Wayne County Extension office, Courthouse, Honesdale, Pa. 18431; 717/253-5970, ext. 239.

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