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### Neighborhood Co-operative Buying of Livestock.

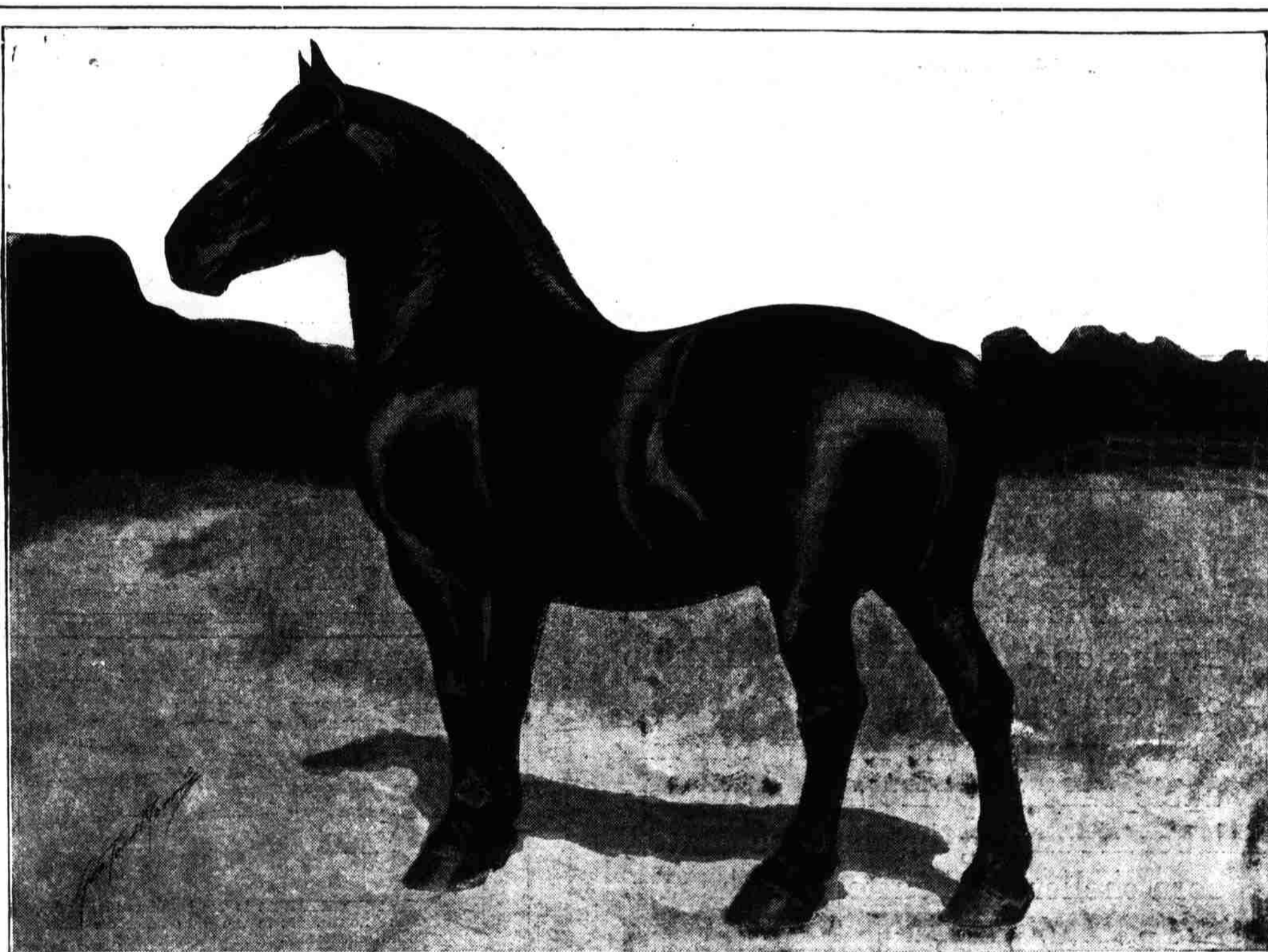
**B**LOOD will tell. Any number of instances may be found where the blood of a good sire has made its impress on the quality of the livestock of a neighborhood, which has continued evident for half a century. Such sires leave a legacy of valuable animals to a neighborhood, out of all proportion to their current market price or cost.

A good sire, whether he be stallion, bull or boar, may cost more money than the individual farmer feels he can pay, or can raise; but any neighborhood can afford such an animal. Where \$100 or \$1000, is invested in females for breeding purposes the extent of their usefulness and the range of their influence on the improvement of the livestock in the neighborhood are limited; but when a like amount is invested in a good sire the number of his offspring may be a hundred-fold more and his value to the community correspondingly greater.

No one man in a neighborhood may be able to spend \$800 to \$1000 for a stallion, but no neighborhood in the South can afford longer to do without the services of such a sire.

Many Southern farmers are now buying grade draft mares for mule breeding and for doing farm work. This is good, but how much more effective would \$1,000 invested in a good draft stallion to breed on our own native mares be, in increasing the value of the livestock in any community, over the same amount invested in mares to breed to jacks. Such an animal as illustrated on this page might well be worth \$10,000 to any neighborhood if bred to from 50 to 100 mares a year for ten years.

Scrub bulls are everywhere, their presence being proclaimed by scrub cattle of all types, breeds and kinds. One county in the South has a reputation for dairy cattle, which brings it buyers from all over the South, Mexico and Cuba, to which it ships more than a hundred carloads a year. All this business had its inception in the presence of one breeder of Jersey cattle who used good sires, the progeny and influences of which have radiated all over the country and has brought



A PERCHERON—THE TYPE OF SIRE NEEDED TO IMPROVE THE FARM WORK STOCK OF THE SOUTH.

to it hundreds of thousands of dollars in the increased value of its cattle. To obtain the same results any county in the South could well afford to invest \$50,000 in bulls.

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