

found that there is nothing equal to shelled oats, hominy and middlings for the young colt. We had a colt foaled last July and fed the mare mainly on the above feeds about equal parts of each, giving her two quarts at a feed. We noticed when the colt was less than a week old that he was smelling around the feed every time the mare was fed, and when only a week old was helping his mother eat. We never had a colt to grow off as fast as this one. He was weaned at three months old and continued to grow off rapidly without a set-back. WM. H. H.

Profit From the Coöperative Use of a Good Stallion

HAVING been reared on a southwest Virginia farm and being, at present, profoundly interested in everything that pertains to the welfare and development of agricultural interests, I feel that a bit of actual experience may be of interest to others, especially those interested in the "Better Sires" crusade.

This particular incident is in connection with a purebred Clydesdale stallion, which was purchased a few years ago by a company of men in our community, while I was with my father on Flatwoods Stock and Grain Farm. The purchase price of the horse was \$1,600 or \$200 per share for each of the eight members of the company; so, as holders of one share, our initial investment was \$200. Stockholders had to pay the regular service fee of \$15 for each mare bred. Unfortunately, after four seasons of service, the stallion died and as the company did not carry insurance on him, we lost our initial investment of \$200, but there is yet something to show for it.

Flatwoods Stock and Grain Farm raised 13 colts from this horse, some of which are shown in the accompanying photograph. For each one of them, as stated, a service fee of \$15 was paid, which makes the total cash investment \$395, including stock in the horse. Horses and colts amounting to \$812.50 have been sold off the farm, and at a conservative estimate, \$2000 worth are there now, all from the \$1,600 stallion. Since these colts became old enough for service, we have had a very dependable source of farm power, and a small surplus for sale each year.

Had we put \$500 or more in the stallion, we couldn't have lost. The picture shows the type of colts sired by the stallion I mention. We have the best lot of draft horses we have ever had and when a team is ready for sale, a buyer is waiting.

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We gathered the pecans in the fall and advertised them in a farm paper at a reasonable price, and sold all of them except a bushel which we kept for our own use. Some of them were sold to our nearest merchants, but the success we had in marketing our pecans was due to advertising. It is very easy to send pecans by parcel post or express. A. M. C.

The new night watchman at the college noticed someone using the big telescope; then a star fell. "Gorra," said the watchman, "that fella sure is a crack shot."

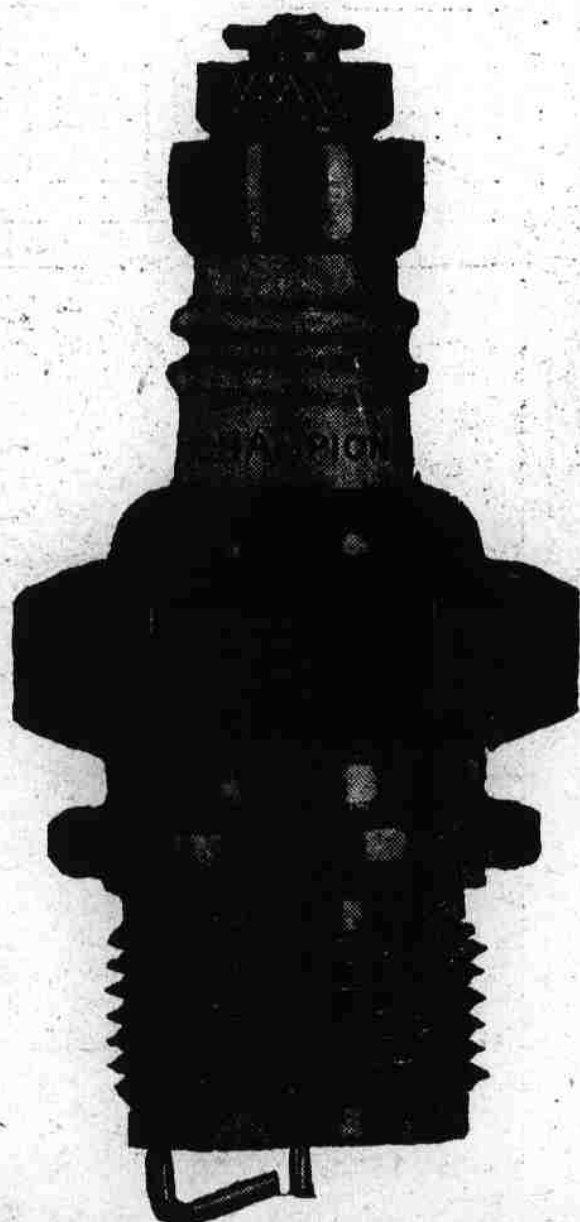


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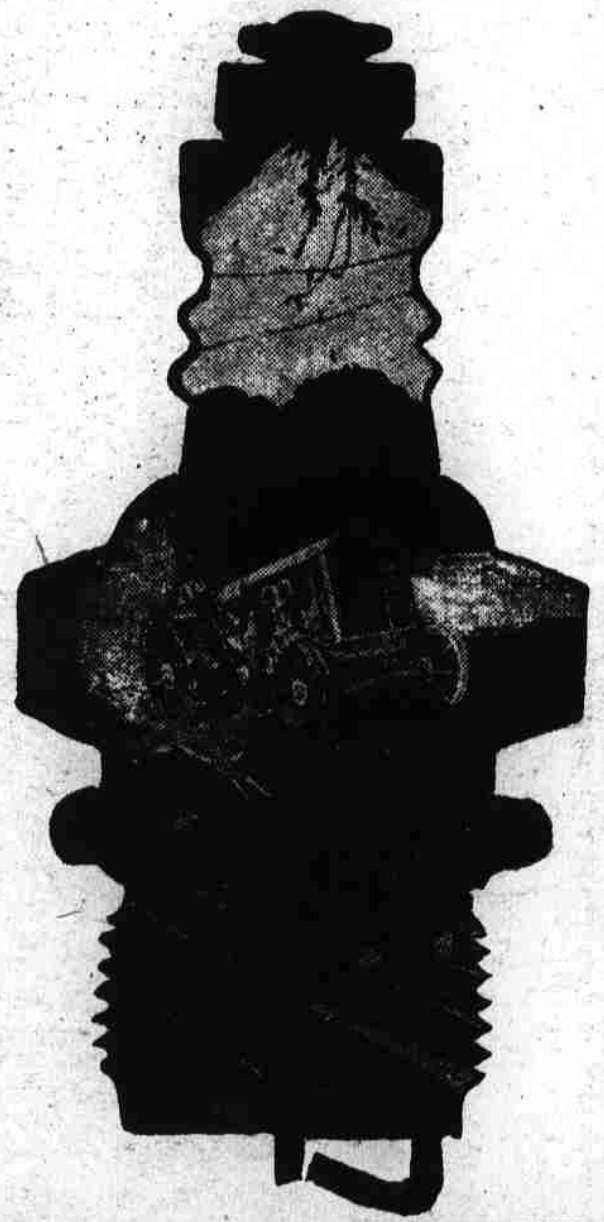
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