## Famous Clydesdale **Team Here Today**

and jets, many children have never seen a horse at close range, so that question is not range, so that question is not as improbable as it seems. Fewer still, including adults, have ever seen six massive, matched Clydesdales working together as a team. It is a never Later on today, Shoppers Markets will give children in Chiago, and were acclaimed

and adults alike an opportun-ity to see America's finest six-horse hitch, Wilson and Co.'s International Champion Clydes dales. They will appear and perform at Shoppers Pacific Coast Highway and Crenshaw location from 3:30 to 5:30 in the afternoon, and, at Shop pers East Carson at Main loca-tion in Torrance from 6:30 to on in Torrance from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

AMERICA LOVES cham pions, and that's why the famous Wilson Six Horse Hitch draws throngs of admirers wherever it appears. These carefully groomed horses with their white feathers (as the long hair around their feet is called), and the gleaming haress present a stirring picture. They are a nostalgic reminder of earlier days when six-horse hitches, hauling heavily loaded wagons, were as familiar a sight as trucks are today.

Many a senior citizen can re call be in g awakened by the clatter of steel shoes on brick streets as teams of six big draft horses made their early morning deliveries. Eventually, the truck replaced the horse as motive power in the cities. just as the tractor replaced the horse on the farm. Today, there are only a few six-horse hitches left in the country. The most famous of them all, the Wilson champions, will be on display on the parking lot at Shoppers Market.

CLYDESDALES are a breed that originated in Scotland near the River Clyde about 1810. Direct descendants of the great Flemish horses used by the armored knights of the Middle Ages, the Clydesdales still have all the strength and suin nave all the strength and agility required by their Flem-ish ancestors to carry 400 Dounds of armor. But, despite aeir great weight and strength, they have the action and animation of a Hackney pony. This characteristic makes pony. This characteristic makes them especially desirable for six-horse hitches. Clydesdales belong to the

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draft horse breed (so called because of their size and strength) that were used as beasts of burden to pull heavy loads. The draft horses played an important part in the devel-opment of our country. They opment of our country. They pulled the plows that broke the virgin prairies, the Conestoga wagons that carried civilization westward, and they hauled the heavy logs in the lumber camps. . . .

ABOUT THE turn of the ABOUT THE turn of the century, multiple hitches of draft horses were a common sight tilling soil or harvesting crops. Each farmer had from eight to 20 big draft horses on his farm. Today, draft horses are rarely seen. One of the reasons Wilson's has main-tained its six-horse hitch is to help young people learn some-thing about the history of the draft horse. draft horse. The Clydesdales in the hitch

The Clydesdales in the hitch average over 2,000 pounds each in weight, and carry 110 pounds of harness apiece. Their hoes require 3½ pounds of steel for each foot, compared with the 11 ounce shoe of the saddle horse. The wagon they pull weighs over 4,400 pounds and is one of the original wagons used to deliver meat products from the stockyard area to the Loop markets in area to the Loop markets in Chicago.

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"Daddy, what is a horse?" dales are either bay, black, In this mechanized age of compacts, convertibles, rockets white or black legs. It is quite sis of them for a hitch. The Wil-son champions, however, are all perfectly matched bays with white legs and a broad white stripe, or blaze, on their faces. These are the same horses that were named International

by the judges as the finest six-horse hitch ever exhibited.



HERE TODAY .... The famous six-horse hitch of Clydesdales, the Wilson & Co.'s International champions, will appear at Shoppers Market, Pacific Coast Highway and Crenshaw and at Carson Street and Main today



## COUNCILMAN GEORGE VICO SAYS:

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