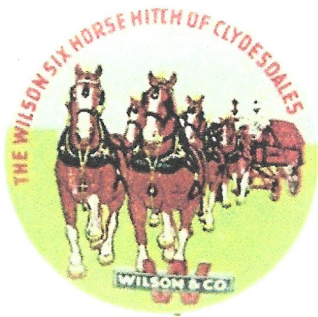


# Wilson's Famous Six-Horse Hitch *by Susan B. Jones*



In 1917 Thomas E. Wilson, head of Wilson & Co. meatpackers, formed a six-horse hitch of Clydesdale draft horses to promote the giant meatpacking company at parades and fairs around the country.

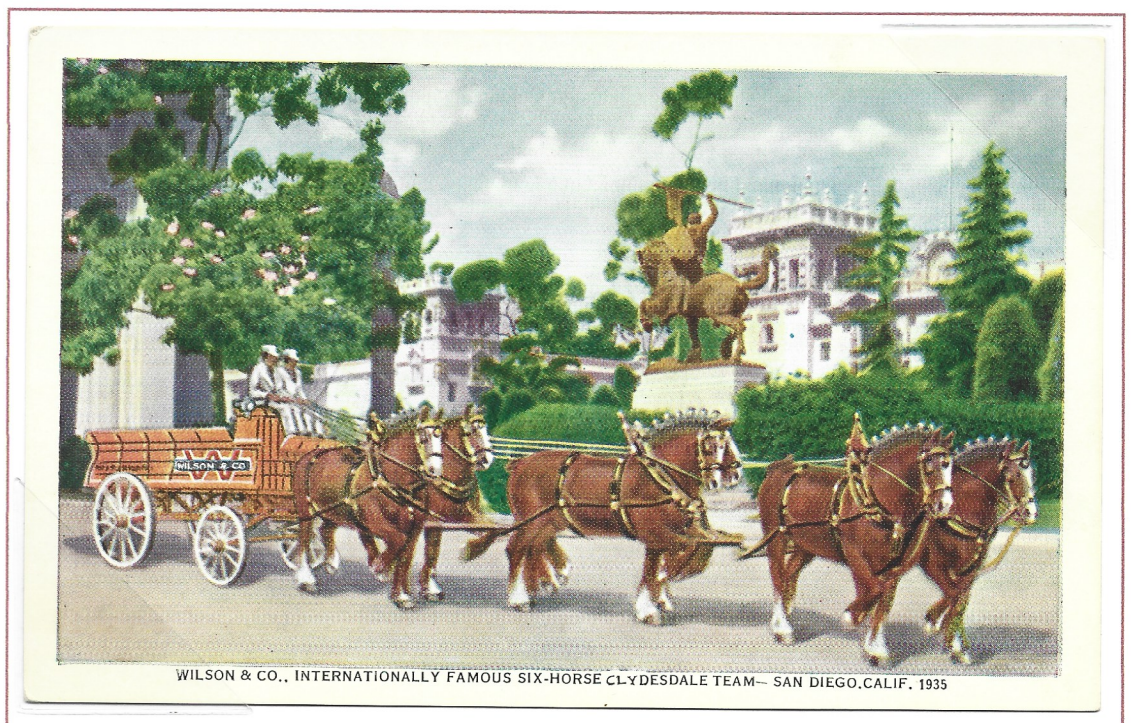
Each horse carried 100 pounds of harness and together pulled an orange wagon weighing 4400 pounds originally used to deliver meat from the Chicago stockyards. The horses were incredibly popular with the public and by 1953 the team had appeared in every state. Shortly after Ling-Temco-Vought (LTV) purchased Wilson & Co. in 1967, it disbanded the six-horse hitch.



THE INTERNATIONALLY FAMOUS CHAMPION SIX-HORSE TEAM OF WILSON & CO., MEAT PACKERS

<< *The hitch in front of the Wilson & Company Exhibit Building at the 1933-1934 Century of Progress World's Fair in Chicago. Printed by the American Colortype Co. (1904-1956), New York and Chicago, a publisher of tinted halftone postcards.*

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