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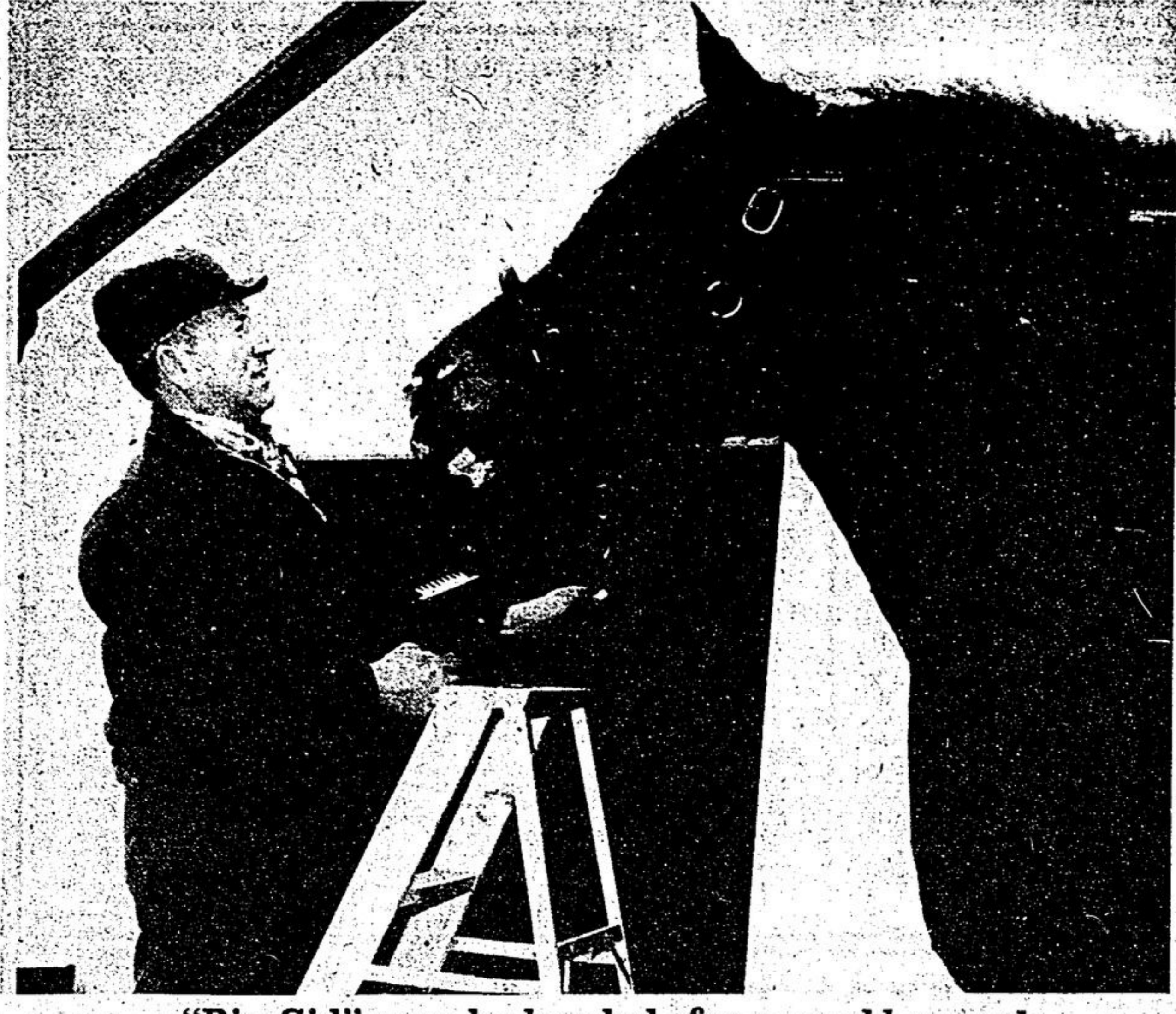
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"Big Sid" may be headed for a world record

The tallest horse in the world? Time will tell, but all things point to "Big Sid", an eight-year-old Belgian gelding, owned by Murray and Marian Grove of R.R. 2, Stouffville, gaining a place of distinction in the Guinness Record

Book. The measurement, taken Jan. 18, has been flown direct to England by Al Wilson, Bethesda Road. About a dozen witnesses, including Town Mayor Eldred King, were on hand for the taping. —Jim Thomas.

Family Life Study wins approval

STOUFFVILLE — If Principal John Hincks of Orchard Park School had serious concerns related to acceptance of the soon-to-be-implemented Family Life and Sex Education Program, they were quickly allayed following his presentation Wednesday night. The parents came, not to question, but to listen, and most seemed satisfied with what they heard.

Principal Hincks stressed the importance of "working together". "There's a need for close communication," he said.

Sex education, while still a primary responsibility of the home, will be supplemented by instruction within the school, not as a course unto itself, but as a part of such subjects as

health, physical education, science, social studies, family studies and guidance. Teachers, he said, will exercise "taste and discretion". "Private and personal concerns will be protected".

Where, what he described as "formal units of study" are concerned, parents will be notified in advance and outlines will be provided. Class discussions, group discussions and films will form the basis for instruction.

Should a sensitive question be asked, the teacher will, in all likelihood, answer the student privately, the principal said. However, he or she may choose to contact the child's family; use a film or reply after research.

Mr Hincks drew a laugh from the audience when he commented: "Teachers aren't experts; I'm not an expert, as a teacher or (pause), any other way".

Should any parent register objection, that child will be discreetly excused and supervised in another classroom, he said.

Principal Hincks said that Family Life and Sex Education was by no means a new course at Orchard Park. However, it will be taught in a more organized way.

The Ministry of Education, Mr Hincks explained, feels children should be made aware of, what he described as "a natural thing—an important part of our lives". Some schools, he said, have been conducting such studies for years, in a very intensive way.

Landfill Hearing Adjourned

STOUFFVILLE — The long-awaited decision on the York landfill site, is still awaiting a decision.

To the surprise of very few, a hearing before the Environmental Appeal Board, Jan. 19, at Markham's Centennial Centre, was adjourned again, the third such postponement since discussions began last October.

With the agreement of all parties (the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, the Ministry of the Environment and York Sanitation), the hearing was put over until Feb. 2 at 10 a.m.

The adjournment was requested by Murray Chusid, solicitor for the appeal applicants. Chusid said the three parties, who have been negotiating in private for an agreement, "had not reached that stage where they could come up with the written minutes of settlement and draft order satisfactory to all". The Con-

cerned Citizens' Committee is seeking a June 30th closing of the dump, as set out by Environment Minister Keith Norton. Since that time, however, the landfill owners have appealed and a three-year closing time has been proposed.

"We have made substantial progress," Chusid told the hearing. "All matters that are fundamental have been agreed upon. We are trying to complete engineering details to the satisfaction of the Ministry."

The town's own engineer, Mayor Eldred King was noticeably irritated following the announcement, Wednesday, of a further delay in an agreement that, he hopes, will lead to a negotiated settlement of the controversial landfill site issue.

Patrick Lee, recently underwent surgery and is still incapacitated.

Chusid said that, "If there is any one to blame, it is perhaps my clients in not obtaining the details as fast as they should."

He asked for a two-week adjournment, which was agreed to by all parties.

"I feel confident it will be fully resolved by then," Chusid told Board Chairman Lois DeGroot.

"I couldn't agree more that the matter should be brought to a head," she replied.

Mayor irritated

In discussing the postponement, Mayor King accused Waste Management of "dragging its feet". "I'm upset at the delay," he said, "because of the unrest our citizens are putting up with".

School reunion

STOUFFVILLE — Orchard Park Public School, Sunset Boulevard, Stouffville, was built in 1958—twenty-five years ago.

To mark this milestone, several projects are planned including a gala "homecoming" this fall.

Former principal, Keith Sutherland; staff teachers and students will be invited.

An anniversary committee has been established, headed by Maureen Terhune.

The building of Orchard Park School was approved by the Board of that day under the chairmanship of the late Keith Middlemiss. Cec Hendricks was vice-chairman. Other members were Lorna Button, Ethel Mole, William Malloy and Harry Schell. The secretary was Elsie Sanders.

To let contract

STOUFFVILLE — Work is expected to start early this spring, possibly April, on the construction of an addition to Orchard Park School.

When completed, the project will provide for a larger gymnasium with change rooms and a stage plus a new kindergarten classroom.

The staff room and principal's office will be accommodated in the present kindergarten area. The present gym will be utilized as a resource centre.

The extension will be to the south of the main building, creating a small courtyard.

Helping hand

STOUFFVILLE — Prior to Christmas, several Stouffville congregations embarked on a project to



Director

Ged Stonehouse of Stonehouse Travel Limited, Stouffville, has been named to the board of directors for the Alliance of Canadian Travel Associations. The official announcement will be made Saturday at a meeting in Toronto's Harbour Castle Hotel. His jurisdiction will be the area of Ontario Centre-East. Mr Stonehouse opened his travel business here, ten years ago this July.

provide assistance to destitute individuals and families in downtown Toronto. Chief organizers were Rev. Philip Poole, Christ Church Anglican and Rev. Ted Green, St. James Presbyterian. Project leaders were Bill and Joyce Nailer, Hawthorne Avenue.

Since its introduction, Rev. Poole has described the response as "magnificent". Up to and including Jan. 14, the following quantities have been delivered—37 boxes of food; 59 boxes of clothing; four bags of bedding and 17 bags of toys.

Centres of distribution are—All Saints' Church, Fred Victor Mission, Good Shepherd Refuge, St. Mary Magdalene Church, Scott Mission, Street Haven, Stop 103 and Jessie's.

Assistance has also been given to several families in the Whitechurch-Stouffville area, Mrs Nailer said.

The project is continuing, she explained, with food (canned goods and non-perishable packaged items), most urgently

needed. Men's clothing is the next most important request.

Through The Tribune, the committee is asking that everyone purchase one extra item of food each week and deliver it to Christ Church, 254 Sunset Boulevard, Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Appreciation is expressed to town residents for their concern and generosity.

Awards

STOUFFVILLE — Cam Fella, owned by Norm Faulkner of Stouffville and Norm Clements of Willowdale, was recently selected the Three-Year-Old Pacing Colt of the Year by Harness Tracks of America, a trade association of 50 racetracks throughout the United States and Canada.

A winner of 28 of 33 starts and \$879,723.00 this past season, Cam Fella easily outpolled his closest competi-

tor, McKinzie Almahurst, 123 to 50.

Mr Faulkner and Mr Clements will be honored Feb. 9 at Harness Tracks of America's annual awards dinner in Rancho Mirage, California. They will be among the recipients of the first Nova Awards, specially designed trophies crafted exclusively for Harness Tracks of America by brilliant equine sculptor, Roger Yates.

Sex Education Parental okay

STOUFFVILLE — John Hincks, Principal of Orchard Park School, was pleased with the reception accorded the Family Life and Sex Education Program, introduced at a public meeting, Jan. 19. But what was the individual feeling of parents?

A Tribune survey indicates Principal Hincks had just cause for optimism. The majority, (all mothers), seemed satisfied with the approach the new course is taking. Comments follow:

"I found the meeting very informative," replied Gave Lehman of Rupert Avenue. "It's a step in the right direction". She praised the principal's presentation. "I thought he handled it well," she stated. Mrs Lehman said that in many instances, children will find it easier to talk to their teachers than to their parents. She expressed satisfaction with the approach taken by the school health nurse, recalling that "in her day", this person's main requirement was "giving needles".

"I was pleased—very impressed," replied Elizabeth Fraser, Albert Street North. She felt the principal covered the subject well. Be-

cause of this, she said, few questions needed to be asked. Mrs Fraser said she went to the meeting fully expecting a heated discussion "but it wasn't that way at all". "The way the principal handled it, put everyone at ease. I fully expect the teaching of the subject will be just as tastefully done," she concluded.

Pat Irwin, Glad Park Avenue, was more guarded. She feels the subject shouldn't be "over-played". "If they (the schools), do what they say and just provide information, that's fine—make it as natural as possible". Mrs Irwin suggested that the success or failure of the program will depend on what happens in the classroom.

Mrs Al Piette, Elm Road, said she was "very pleased". She suggested that had the films been shown prior to the meeting rather than after, they might have prompted more discussion.

"The subject's more open today and that's good," commented Diane Cottage, Harold Avenue. She admitted that many parents have problems explaining such facts to their children. By handling it through the school, young people will be prone to ask more questions, both of their teachers and their parents. She praised the principal's explanation of the course and how it will be handled. She described the films she saw as "nothing to be concerned about".

Officer hurt

STOUFFVILLE — A York Regional Police constable was injured and property damage was estimated at \$6,000 when a cruiser and a car collided, Saturday night, on Main Street West.

opposite the A & P Plaza. P.C. Frank Kovacs was admitted to York Central Hospital, Richmond Hill where he was treated for head and knee injuries and later released. Danny Blackley, 26, of Winlane Drive, Stouffville, escaped unhurt. The accident is still under investigation.

Making progress

MARKHAM — Twenty-one-year-old Charles Wariner, seriously injured in a freak hockey accident, Dec. 16, is undergoing physiotherapy treatments daily in Toronto's St. Michael's Hospital and showing considerable improvement, his sister, Valerie, a registered nurse, told The Tribune, Tuesday.

Although paralyzed from the waist down, he now has some movement in his arms, she said. "He's able to do more things for himself."

He's out of intensive care and shares a room with four other men, Valerie said. He's no longer on intravenous, "one less tube," she explained.

Members of the family see him every day. Friends also drop in constantly. "Charles' room number is 402C."



"It won't bite"

It was "Stuffed Animal Day", Friday, for Grade 3 students at Orchard Park Public School. All kinds of weird and wonderful creatures occupied the classroom including this beautiful raccoon held by eight-year-old Jamie Forfar. —Jim Thomas.