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- Mr. Hoggard farmed for 53 years in Richmond on Sea Island.
- He had three different places. The last one was 160 acres, which was taken by the government for the airport.
- He did mixed farming, dairy, potatoes, and some horses on the side.
- In 1944 he had his first horse named "Scotch Lad", raced him in 1946 at Lansdowne.
- Brighthouse was used to train horses.
- He was there at Brighthouse when the horses ran. It was the best track in the world but the racing stopped there before the war in the 30's.
- The same people owned both Brighthouse and Lansdowne and they consolidated them into one at Lansdowne....Oldfield, McLellan, Randall, were owners as well as Brighthouse Estate.
- Lansdowne was not as good as Brighthouse tracks.
- They were both better tracks than the one today because they were mile tracks and there are less turns.
- The track at Exhibition Park is not considered very good...it's too sandy and hard for the horses to get a firm footing.
- The sand gets up in the hoof of the horse and make him lame.
- He has raced in California and all up and down the Coast.
- One of his mares, Passion, gave him two good horses..."Baby Mike" who won a lot of races, he lost the other one, "Willie Pass" at Lansdowne in a claiming race.
- In the early days, there was mostly local horses raced and a few Americans.
- There's a few imports today, some are Canadian owned.
- Competition is stiffer today, horses are more highly valued.
- He used to make money every year.
- Used to cost \$5.00 a day to help a horse at the track, today it's \$15.00 a day.
- He has eight horses at the track now.
- If they don't perform well, he intends to get rid of them.

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HORSE RACING

- He won half of the Futurity Stakes in 1974 with "Third Blue".
- If a horse is 'no good at all' he destroys it rather than give it to somebody.
- He doesn't think two year olds should be raced; they are too young but the big pots attract them and you are always living and dreaming about winning the big ones.
- He bought a horse for stud at \$10,000 in California, "High Perch", who placed third in the Longacres mile and ran a dead heat in the Randall Plate.
- He has had several trainers, he runs his own stable now and he has three men at the track.
- He has twenty-four horses all together and a foal is due in June.
- He bought a mare last year in Kentucky for \$31,000.
- The horses have improved over the years.
- There is a much longer season now; in the old days there were only about 60 days of racing, 30 days at Lansdowne and 30 days at Hastings Park.
- The longer season means a higher casualty rate.
- He doesn't race in California because his horses aren't good enough and also he is afraid of losing his good horses in claiming races.
- He and his brother now run a farm of mixed grain.
- He prefers his property on Sea Island to his present place.
- His first place is right where the airport administration buildings are.
- His father came from Ontario in 1919; he was a steam engineer and ran steam rollers for the Point Grey Municipality, and also he had a few cows at the bottom of Granville Street where the White Spot is now.
- The B. C. Electric used to take people to the races.
- He grew potatoes, a thousand tons a year.
- He recalls the depression, working for one dollar a day.
- You had a good time thn, more than you do today, men were walking around looking for work, riding the freights.
- They had a herd of about 20 cows, all milked by hand; today one man can milk 70 - 80 cows with machine.
- He tries to get the best jockey he can; his name is Garth Carter, who won the handicap on Saturday on "Blue Thumb".
- There aren't too many horse breeders in Richmond now, they are up at Langley and Abbotsford.

- Mentions the horse at Blundell just off the Freeway, named "My Glory".
- Horse racing is still pretty much the same, it hasn't changed much over the years.
- He describes the Annual Horse Auctions in Kentucky which attracts people from all over, even Arabs and Japanese who own some farms in Kentucky.
- All the best horses are at Kentucky; it's great for growing grass for horses.
- Bud McDonald is the leading trainer around.
- Discusses some of the jockeys who are considered good.