

PROFILES



Acton hockey player, ball player (he was on the 1922 junior champion hardball team), and lawn bowler. He still bowls but in an alley. Acton's lawn bowling clubhouse is now under the A.B. Foodland grocery store.

When Arlie retired as foreman (he worked there for 51 years) he was asked if he would take over the Acton Cancer Society campaign. He was flabbergasted, not knowing how to go about it, but was talked into it and undertook the job.

At first he walked the streets of Acton, adding up houses and figuring what areas would go to each canvasser. From there, the organization was gradually set up until now, he's been told by his field supervisor, it's one of the best run organizations in Ontario.

"Thanks to the wonderful people in it," he states. Half cancer patients cured. According to the McGill Cancer Centre, cancer is North America's second greatest killer. The disease strikes one in four people. However, since the end of World War two, the cure rate has doubled and now almost half of all cancer patients are restored to health.

With continued research, this percentage can be upped until cancer has a complete cure rate.

Of all the money given to the cancer society, more than half (55 per cent) goes to cancer research. Patient service takes up another 18 per cent, education 14 per cent, and the remainder going for administration campaign, and lodges.

There's still time to volunteer help and donations for the Acton Cancer Society. Let's make sure we reach our pledge of \$13,500 dollars this year and keep Acton in the running for best producer per capita, as well as helping our neighbors. Volunteers and donors may call Arlie White at 853-1587 or Gloria Coats at 853-2225.

For its size Acton has the highest per capita donations in Ontario to the Canadian Cancer Society.

In fact, Arlie White, campaign manager for the Acton Cancer Society who has assisted with canvassing for many needy groups, says Acton has always been notably generous.

When Arlie took over the Acton cancer campaign in the fall of '74 the goal for "cancer month" (April) was a collection of \$5,000, a raise of two hundred dollars over the previous year. Now the goal is \$13,500 to be donated by the end of April. Last year nearly \$12,000 was collected and Arlie has no doubt the campaign will go over the top this year. He says he has a wonderful organization.

This organization is manned by a large group of volunteers, 15 of which meet on the executive once a month ten times a year.

Gloria Coats is president while Rena Arbie is past president. Sue Sales acts as vice-president, Marion and Hugh Patterson look after secretarial and treasurer duties. Hugh is also treasurer for the unit organization.

Margaret Oliver and Rena Arbie look after daffodil sales, Alma Braida takes care of in memoriam tributes, Cathy MacGilvray is in charge of education and Dr. T. B. Moore is medical advisor.

Jane Telford is actively convener and Susan Kuechler looks after transportation and service to patients. Sue Sales is also responsible for planning, developing and nominating while Marion Patterson takes care of publicity.

This committee is assisted by 210 canvassers under 20 captains in addition to many other volunteers.

Variety of money-making schemes. Money is raised during April by a variety of means, all of which mean a great deal of work for the organizers.

A dinner, cocktail hour and dance in late March, convened by Marilyn Shean, brought in \$500 and was judged a rousing success—especially by the Whites.

Industrial canvassing is done early, letters being written to all businesses and firms in town.

Daffodil Day, the first Saturday in April, brought in \$1468 this year from the sale of flowers. Wee boxes in stores requesting donations in return for a plastic daffodil pin "brings in quite a bit," says Arlie.

But individual canvassing brings in the most money as volunteers make 3200 calls around Acton and region.

Long time resident. Arlie says he's very proud to represent Acton when he goes to the Ontario Cancer Board meeting in January.

"He really works hard," says his wife, "he enjoys it."

Mrs. White works hard, too. Arlie calls her one of his "behind the scenes" workers. She knits voraciously, providing the Princess Margaret Hospital with children's sweaters, mitts, layettes, and bedjackets.

"You feel like you're doing something," she comments clicking needles with authority.

Always ready to help, Arlie has lived in Acton all his life and canvassed for the blind, crippled children and other charities.

He's also been active in sports, as a well-known



Arlie White

Vets alert pet owners to heart worm

With mosquito season coming veterinary authorities are alerting pet owners about an exotic and potentially harmful disease.

Heart worm in dogs, and to a lesser degree cats, is becoming more of a problem, though the disease is not common in this area, according to doctors Mary Rathlou and Ron Trenton of Halton Hills Veterinary Services.

"We've no cases yet. We just want people to know of the disease. As far as we are concerned the only practical first step is the taking of a blood sample," Dr. Trenton said.

A blood test will determine if an animal is infected. "Chances of a dog having the disease here are slim, but they won't be in the future," said the doctor.

The heart worm is a tropical parasite. The adult worms—each 12 to 14 inches long—live in the animal's heart. The worm interferes with blood circulation.

A diseased animal may exhibit all or any of the following characteristics: soft cough, loss of stamina, loss of weight, fainting spells, swelling of legs and shortness of breath.

During the worms' cycle, smaller worms—micro filariae float in the blood stream. These smaller worms are detectable in the blood. The disease is spread by mosquitoes, Dr. Trenton says.

If an animal is hosting less than 30 worms, it may not have any of the clinical characteristics of

the disease. However, if worms have a firm grip in the animal, the pet may die over a long period of time, he said.

Treatment can take two courses; both are complex and require intensive care for the animal. If a blood test reveals the pet is infected, one treatment is to kill off the micro filariae, and then later the adult in the heart. A drug is used to kill the mature worm, but the treatment is not that

simple. The dead worms float into lungs where they clot. This secondary complication is also treated.

The best way to avoid heart worm in your pet, is prevention, Dr. Trenton emphasizes. Have the animal checked. If it is disease-free two courses are open. Either bring the pet back next year for another check or start the animal on a preventative drug. The drug is ad-

ministered starting one month before mosquito season, in April, and continues on for a month after the end of the insect's cycle, in October, said the veterinarian.

Heart worm has been diagnosed in Winnipeg, Branford and the area bordered by Sarnia, Mount Forest, Windsor, Essex and Wheatley.

For 50 years heart worm was confined to the southeast United States. In recent years it spread west to California and north to Canada.

Turn clocks ahead for Daylight Time

Actonians are advised to turn their clocks one hour ahead before retiring this Saturday night as Daylight Saving Time officially begins 2 a.m. Sunday, April 29.

The annual move is designed to give more hours of daylight in the evening. The clocks will return to Standard Time the last Sunday in October.

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Sharon Leitch, of the Toronto branch of the Canadian Cancer Society last week visited industries with a film and smoking demonstration.

Cancer film shown in local industries

At least eight industries in Acton have been visited by Sharon Leitch of the Toronto branch of the Canadian Cancer Society in the past few weeks.

Miss Leitch visited the industries to show a film on the dangers of cancer, how to prevent it, and how to detect it. After the film, a short demonstration was given on what cigarette smoke does to a smoker's lungs. Afterwards, Miss Leitch a registered nurse, is available to answer any

questions employees might have.

Miss Leitch is one of five registered nurses on the cancer trail. There is one other out of Toronto, and one each in Ottawa, London, and Hamilton. The other provinces are also starting up similar programs to educate the public.

Local cancer branches notify the Toronto branch of the various firms, and the nurses in turn get in touch with the presidents and ask if they might show their film. It takes

about a half hour to go through the entire routine with the employees.

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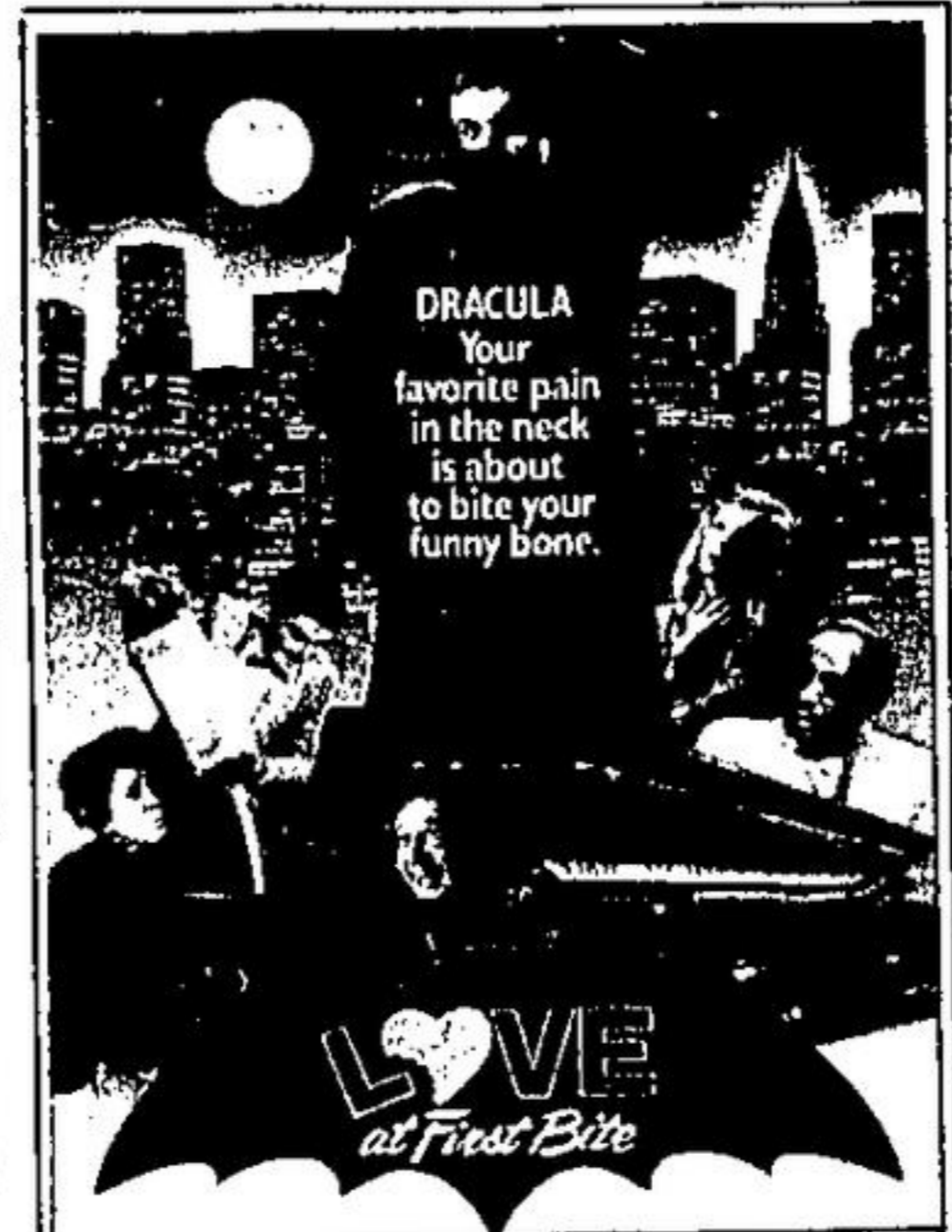
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Libertarian party enters candidate

A fourth hat has been thrown into Halton's electoral ring with the announcement that a candidate for the Libertarian Party will run.

Karen Selick, 26, is a lawyer for a "major chartered bank", and freely admits she doesn't expect to win the riding.

"I personally don't expect to win this election," she said in a telephone interview from her Toronto home. "Our major goal is to let people know that there is an alternative party. We don't expect to win, but if we could get a few people elected that would be nice."

She added that the Libertarian Party will try to run 60 candidates in this race. A party must have 50 candidates running in a national election before its name can appear on a ballot.

The general philosophy of the party, she said, "is that the government governs best that governs least."

"We believe that people are intelligent enough and responsible enough to make their own decisions, decisions that government is currently making for them."

"We'd like to see the freedom of choice transferred back to the individual," she said.

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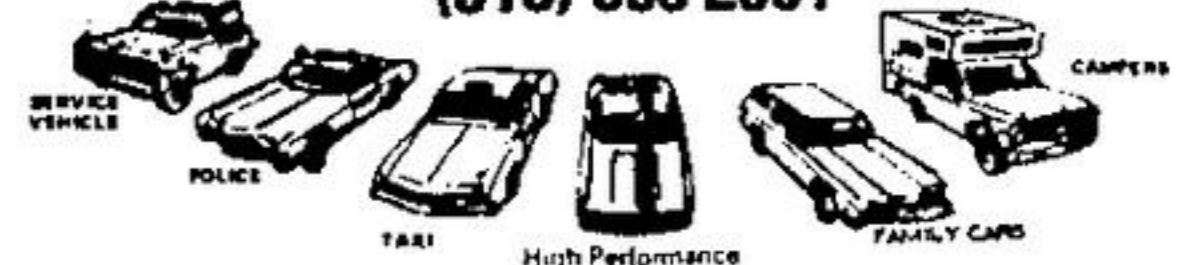
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