



Ever seen a strawberry Easter donkey? Evelyn and Bruce Farr welcome "Maria" the newest addition to their Everton donkey and goat farm. Maria was born Easter Monday and really is a pale pink colour. She's also very charming. Photo by JENNIFER BARR

**Heartworm**

**Rare dog ailment appears in Acton**

A rare ailment which strikes dogs, heartworm, has shown up in Acton for the first time. Dr. Ron Trenton, Halton Hills Veterinary Service, says the closest to Acton documented case of heartworm was in Brampton, until just a few weeks ago when a laboratory confirmed case appeared here. Heartworm used to be isolated to the deep south of the United States before it started spreading throughout that nation. Three years ago heartworm cropped up in Ontario for the first time. Since then cases have been on the increase throughout the province and preventative medical care has been needed to check heartworm's spread in areas like

Windsor and Brantford. With the ailment worms 10 to 14 inches in length fill the chambers of the heart and interrupt the flow of blood. Then these adult worms reproduce as microscopic worms which circulate in the blood. Heartworm is spread by mosquitoes, when a mosquito bites an infected dog it carries a microscopic worm with it to the next dog it stings. The dog discovered in Acton to have heartworm has been treated and is still alive. Recently the owner moved west, taking with him his pet, and Dr. Trenton allowed, despite treatment the animal could die without warning any time in the next four months. It did not appear

ill when brought in. Dr. Trenton says he has no idea where the dog picked up heartworm, or when, but figures through mosquitoes it has passed the affliction on. He said he was "quite surprised" when in a routine test heartworm was discovered here. For the past three years he has been recommending heartworm checks to his clients. One case showing up in Acton isn't a signal for the start of preventative medication, but it is a "warning." The fact one case has shown up, mosquito season is close at hand, and it is possible heartworm was spread from the one infected dog is "significant." He urges people have their dogs checked for heartworm.

**Two trustees want dope laws to stay**

Ottawa's bid to relax the marijuana laws would run into a brick wall if two Halton school board trustees were also MPs. Rev. Gary Morton and Bill Herd voiced opposition to proposed changes of federal legislation concerning marijuana during Thursday's board meeting at Burlington. "We should be against (change) and keep things as they are," said Herd. Morton agreed. Keeping things as they are is recognized by Halton's principals as something that just isn't going to happen. They are lobbying against Ottawa's efforts to loosen the marijuana laws so much. A presentation by the principals' association

sparked Morton and Herd's reactions. Another trustee, Betty Walker said she believed, based on her three years of court work, that the principals' proposals to Ottawa are "excellent." As the law stands, people caught enjoying marijuana, may be convicted under the Narcotics Control Act. They will likely have jail sentences and a permanent criminal record. Ottawa wants to eliminate jail sentences for simple possession of dope. Government officials intend to table proposed changes next month. Also, all previous records of offenders would

be erased under Ottawa's proposal. If the change is brought in, control and regulation of marijuana would come under the less severe Food and Drugs Act. Halton principals, and others across the province, want to meet the federal government half way. Because judges are reluctant to write the name of anyone convicted for simple possession on the criminal record; principals want a temporary register of such guilty people. The temporary register would be wiped clean after three years

under the new non-criminal marijuana act. However, if some one is convicted of simple possession for the third time in three years the penalty could be a \$1,000 fine and jail. Principals are also giving judges the choice of hitting convicted people with a criminal record under their proposal to change the Food and Drug Act. The criminal or non-criminal change "satisfies most, if not all, the areas of contention encountered when dealing with federal officials," according to the principal.

Moe Pennock, president of the Halton Principals' Association characterized trustees' reactions to their proposal as normal. "The real concern," Burlington Central principal Bob Sharratt told trustees, is that under the Narcotic's Act—a severe act—there is a criminal record if there is a conviction. "Drug abuse is drug abuse," commented Herd. He indicated that alcohol and drug offences should be dealt with equally—that is severely. Trustees get to vote on the principals' proposal Thursday.

**Cancer drive collects \$14,032**

Acton did it again. Acton's again in the Cancer Society's coveted club. In fact Acton and area contributed about \$1.50 per capita to the April cancer fund raising drive. All kits aren't in yet, but co-campaign chairman Gloria Coats reports \$14,032.21 has been raised. She feels the \$15,000 mark will be topped. Following is the list of canvassers and area captains:

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The Acton Free Press and Lorne Doberthien were presented with plaques last week by the Acton Cancer branch for their efforts to promote Marathon of Hope runner Terry Fox's visit here. Editor Gord Murray accepted the plaque on behalf of the paper.

son, Kay Allen, Kay Dilla, Charlotte Ironside, Betty Armstrong, Marg Sinclair, Ronell Colbeck, Sharon Foster, Jane Robertson, Margaret Creasey, M. McVeigh, A. Connolly, A. Farrington, Fran Marcoux, June Doberthien, Hope Weir, Mrs. Wilson, Lillian Berry, Lynn Krysnich, Mary Pappillon, Isabel McDonald, Grace McLooney, Jean Terry, Rena Antice, Jane McCullum, Elma Brada, M. McCabe, Marilyn Murray, Ruth Miller, Janet Marshall, Marie Gillis, Ruby Lausten, Pat Patterson, Mamie Dick, Rena Arbib, Alice Pilkington, Corrie Kranendonk, Robert Hill, Helen Howe, Janice Murr, Harriet Ibbelwag, Jenae Robertson, Vera Maltocha, Pat Salt, Freda Buckman, Pauline Diamond, May Hoare, Janet Hardy, Marie Wedge, Fern Harding, Alice Duby, Jean McKee, Sharon Caswell, Betty Knapp, Bannockburn Institute—Mary Mathews, Ruth Linham, Edith Midland, Ann Hollis, Joyce Sprole, Bertha Fox, Jessie Madill, Gladys Kennedy, Marilyn Madill, Dorothy Hilton, Brena Morrison, Joan Knight, Edna Hall, Jean Leitch, Florence Allan, Lois Henderson, Kay Koelner, Nasagaweya Institute—Sharon Anderson, Laura Hewes, Glenda Bonanson, Janice Hall, Mrs. DeLauw, Doris Moffatt, Fran Pearce, Jane Baynton, Bernice Mayes, Sadie Moore, Hilda Heist, Elizabeth Adamek, Juanita Hallam, Dublin Institute—Shelley Smith, Marion Hunter, Chris McMillan, Ann McGeorge, Ruth Kranendonk, Eve Martin, Mrs. Ferguson, Barb Wilson, Edna Deste, Marvin Diamond, Gill Reynolds, Christine Pearson, Verne Murchison, June Hunter, Anne Norton, Loraine Nohlett, Sue Sale, Elsie Syme, Leone Taylor, Dorothy Rogvaldsen, Carolyn Freuler, Carolyn Trenton, Ann Thorpe, Arlie White, Vic Bristol, Dottie McMilloway, Marg Hoare, Linda Cassidy, Joan Tyers, Bev Miller, Bev Anderson, Susan Hewitt, Shelley Lindsay, Jennette McCallum, Joyce Walker, Barbara Canary, Jane Gillies, Linda Pilgrim, Nancy Little, Jean Martin, Cathy Peters, Susan Francis, Velma West, Shirley Duncan, P. Gibson, Ann Slipper, G. Grigg, L. Ruse, L. Devlin, Mrs. Meinen, Janet Fleming, B. Butler, Pat Vackerkyen, Barb Murchison, Joan Ford, Heather Rogvaldsen, Barb Edmondson, Frances Hogenbirk, Jean Hoops, Gloria Coats, Mrs. Paton, Doris Brown, The following firms contributed from the industrial, commercial and organizations canvases: Beardmore, Acton Steel Ltd., Goy Cartage, Commercial Shearing, Hornby Box and Pallet, Keates Organ, Heller's, Industrial, Daly, Farmworth, McGregor, Acton Free Press, Canadian Legion Ladies Aux., United Food and Commercial Worker International, Royal Canadian Legion, Acton Lions Club

**Dublin W.I.**

**Preparing for Decoration Day**

Mrs. A. Murchison, 22 Sideroad, Halton Hills (Esquering), was hostess for the monthly meeting of Dublin Women's Institute on Thursday evening. Commencing her term as the new president, Mrs. H. Besley presided and Mrs. D. Hunter was acting secretary in the absence of Mrs. J. Kranendonk. Thirty ladies were present despite the fact that a good number had attended the sessions of the Halton District Annual in Knox Church, Acton that day, which Dublin W.I. hosted. Roll Call was answered by your grandmothers' maiden names, and to show a relic of their day, which brought out many interesting articles of yesteryear. Mrs. Besley reported on the fine 50th Anniversary to Limehouse Women's Institute that she and Mrs. Norton had attended. A report of a Decoration Day meeting held recently was given by Mrs. C. Armstrong, and members of the branch will participate in the planting of flowers, and helping to supply lunch.

son, of the catering committee, handing in the proceeds of a banquet. Members were reminded that a quilt will be set up in early June ready for quilting. It was an evening to honor the grandmothers, and Mrs. D. Hunter and Mrs. E. Norton were in charge of the program, starting with a duet by themselves, followed by several amusing readings. Four great-grandmothers, Mrs. H. Besley, Mrs. W.J. McIntyre, Mrs. W. Britton and Mrs. C. Thomson were remembered, as well as the most recent grandmother, Mrs. H. Haefner; and the one with the eldest grandchild, Mrs. R.L. Davidson. Much fun and good fellowship made it a very happy evening. A bounteous lunch was served by Mrs. Davidson, Mrs. A. Murchison and Mrs. D. Appleyard. Mrs. H. Dodds thanked everyone for making it such an enjoyable meeting. The June meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Duncan Moffat, Fergus.

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